

IS TWENTY MILES FROM KUT-EL-AMARA

Gén. Aylmer's Force, Halted by Bad Weather, Removing Wounded

CHAMBERLAIN REPORTS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Turks Located East of Kut-El-Amara by British Cavalry

London, Jan. 11.—The British force in Mesopotamia which, under General Aylmer, is proceeding up the Tigris to the relief of Kut-El-Amara, is still halted at Shettai Said, some 20 miles from Kut-El-Amara, according to the latest advices received by the government, but the halt is due to weather conditions and the necessity of removing the wounded by river.

This announcement was made in the house of commons this afternoon by Rt. Hon. J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India.

British cavalry forces have located Turkish forces six miles east of Kut-El-Amara, Mr. Chamberlain added. This is the position from which the Turks originally were driven by Gen. Townshend in the battle of Kut-El-Amara.

ALL STRANGEST ACTS SURPASSED BY THIS

Austria Asks Britain to Protect Austrians From Austro-German Submarines

London, Jan. 11.—Sir Edward Grey finds opportunity for some plain speaking regarding the Austro-German submarine warfare in a letter to American Ambassador Page, replying to the communication of a request from the Austro-Hungarian government subjects who are being repatriated from India on the *Steamship Golconda*.

Petition Endorsed.

The request is embodied in a petition from Austro-Hungarian subjects which the Austro-Hungarian government endorses. Sir Edward Grey replies:

"Some of the requests of the petition have already been conceded as a matter of course. With regard to that portion of the petition which asks that a special precaution be taken to prevent danger to the lives of the *Golconda*'s passengers because of submarine attack, I feel bound to express my astonishment that the Austro-Hungarian government, themselves one of the authors of the danger, should have thought it seemly to endorse this request."

"Better Class People."

"Not content, however, with doing this, the Austro-Hungarian government further state that they will hold his majesty's government responsible for the lives and well-being of those passengers, a majority of whom are better class people."

"I am at a loss to know why better class people should be thought more entitled to protection from submarine attack than other non-combatants. But, however that may be, the only danger of the character indicated which threatens any passengers on the *Golconda* is one for which the Austro-Hungarians and Germans alone are responsible. It is they only who carry on the novel and inhuman form of warfare which disregards all hitherto accepted principles of international law and necessarily endangers the lives of non-combatants."

"By asking for special precautions to protect some of their own subjects on board a British merchant vessel, the Austro-Hungarian government recognize what is the inevitable consequence of their submarine policy—they admit that the outrages whereby the *Lusitania*, the *Persia* and numbers of other ships have been sunk without warning were not the result of casual bravado of the officers of the submarines, but part of a settled and premeditated policy of the governments they serve."

No Precautions.

"It is needless to add that his majesty's government does not propose to take any precautions on behalf of Austro-Hungarian subjects which they do not take on behalf of their own, and if they suffer any injury from submarine attack on the part of his majesty's enemies, the responsibility must rest solely with those who have made such attacks part of their ordinary methods of warfare."

"The proper and sufficient protection from this danger is that Austria-Hungary and Germany should observe the ordinary rules of humanity in their methods of warfare."

ON GIGANTIC SCALE, WOUNDED DECLARE

4,000 Guns in Action at South End of East Front

BOOMING HEARD FOR WEEK 40 MILES AWAY

New Plan Adopted by Russians for Dealing With Barbed Wire

London, Jan. 11.—Reports indicate that the struggle in Volhynia, Galicia and Bukowina is on a gigantic scale. No fewer than 4,000 big guns have been in action, producing an even worse shell-shattered inferno than that preceding the allies' offensive in the fall at Loos and in the Champagne district.

Wounded officers newly arrived from the battlefield say that the thunder of the guns was heard incessantly for a week 40 miles away and that the concussion broke every window in villages within five miles.

Barbed Wire.

Hundreds of German machine guns were smashed by the Russian high explosive shells, of which there is no dearth. These, however, have proved less successful against the wire which is employed in the utmost profusion before the villages. For example, 24 rows of electrified barbed wire defended certain German positions at the beginning of this battle. The Russians dealt with this by attaching grapnels to stout insulated ropes. They then drove heavily armored automobiles up to the entanglements, flung the grapnels over the wire, then backed their cars at full speed, thus ripping out the tangled skeins strand by strand, while rubber-gloved squads, equipped with nippers, cleared up the torn wires in readiness for the Russian troops to pass through the gaps. General von Linsingen personally directed the fortunes of the Austro-Germans.

Peasants Gave Information.

A dramatic feature of the fighting

Five days ago was a wholesale stampede of Russian peasants back of the lines when the Russians charged across the Styx. They were able to give valuable information as to the conditions behind the German lines.

They described the Kowel-Sarny-Rowno triangle, which was a smiling and prosperous landscape when the correspondent saw it last, as a desolate wilderness denuded of every stick of timber. Not only have the forests been razed, but even the peasants' huts have been torn down to provide the Germans with fresh timbers. The best is sent to the French front, while that of inferior quality is retained on the Russian front.

Behind the German lines sledges have been constructed on a large scale by the labor of peasants from the vicinity of Brest Litovsk.

GOVT. FORCED TO
CALL REICHSTAG

Bethmann-Hollweg Had Arranged Session Should End Before Christmas

Rotterdam, Jan. 11.—If the German government had its way the reichstag would not resume the session. That it is reassembling contrary to the plans of the chancellor, who had arranged that the session should end before Christmas, is due to the sudden awakening of the German people which followed the bursting of the peace bubble. The disillusionment has called forth popular demands that the government is unable to ignore except at the risk of a great upheaval. A few of the problems that must be grappled with are the distribution of food, the disabilities of an increasing number of soldiers, an increase in the soldiers' pay of 50 per cent, and the demand for a grant of \$50,000,000 for the relief of needy families.

The pressure, now irresistible, of the Social Democratic party has upset the plans of the government chiefs, who thought that by boasts of victory they could silence the voice of the critics.

GERARD TO LOOK INTO
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BELGIAN GOVT. WILL OPEN A BUREAU IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL

Paris, Jan. 11.—The Belgian government has decided to open a central bureau in Paris so as to facilitate the settlement of the many questions daily calling for joint action by the French and Belgian governments.

REMAINED AFLOAT FOR EIGHT HOURS

H. M. S. King Edward VII. Was Being Towed but Hawser Carried Away

CAPTAIN ON BRIDGE ALMOST TILL SHE SANK

London, Jan. 11.—One of the crew of H. M. S. King Edward VII., the battleship which sank after striking a mine, says:

"Our captain was on the bridge when we struck the mine and did not leave it until ten minutes before the ship disappeared. There was no panic. He kept us all cool with his cheering remarks.

"We struck at 11:45 in the forenoon

and the ship disappeared at 7:45 o'clock in the evening. In response to wireless messages after we had struck the mine, destroyers took us in tow. The weather gradually grew worse, however, and the towing hawsers carried away.

Captain's Last Order.

"The captain then gave the order:

"Every man for himself. Some got away in the ship's boats. The destroyers took off the remainder. The last boat left the ship shortly after six o'clock, but the captain remained on board for another half hour.

"One of the most remarkable incidents was the display of heroism by the watch-keeper of the wireless switchboard, who dashed below and turned on the switches, holding them until our messages were answered."

MAKING EXPERIMENTS
IN SAN FRANCISCO

British Chemist and Canadian Working With By-Products of Petroleum

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—Dr. Mark Benson, expert petroleum chemist, and C. L. Fisher, a Canadian, are in San Francisco on a mission of great interest to the entente nations. They are making experiments to develop the by-products of oil which are expected to revolutionize that industry.

Documents carried by Dr. Benson bearing the signature of Lord Moulton, chief of the department of explosives of the British war office, indicate that Britain and her allies are interested in the work of the chemists, who conduct a laboratory in London.

"As toluene is a by-product of petroleum used in making explosives, Lord Moulton asked the doctor to look into this question, while here," said Mr. Fisher to-day.

One of the letters from Lord Moulton declares Dr. Benson's brain to be "worth a thousand men to Great Britain and her allies."

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WOULD FAIL WITH ENORMOUS LOSSES

No Attack by Germans on Line in Flanders Could Succeed

ARMIES APPEAR READY TO REMAIN FOR YEARS

Correspondent Describes Wonderful Preparations on the Franco-Belgian Line

London, Jan. 11.—A special correspondent of one of the newspapers here sends the following from the headquarters of the Franco-Belgian army in Flanders, under date of yesterday:

"All the visible evidence of the defensive organization in Flanders goes to prove the statement frequently made of late, that whatever violent attacks the Germans may be preparing against this sector of the front, they are bound to fail with heavy losses. Fully Prepared.

As prophecies in this war invariably have been wide of the mark, it is not well to attempt to make a guess as to the length of the titanic struggle, but the impression is overwhelmingly borne in upon one after a few days of detailed observation on the spot, that the armies quartered here are implanted in this region so completely, so solidly, as to indicate that they expect to stay, not for months, but for an indefinite number of years.

Although the war bulletins from headquarters during the last twelve months have been remarkably silent regarding the activities of the opposing forces here, it would be a mistake

to suppose that they have been sitting down idly.

At the battle of the Yser, when the German drive was definitely broken, the French had here practically nothing to speak of in the way of defensive works.

Since then tens of thousands of soldiers, working night and day, have transformed the whole country into a maze of fortified trenches, barbed wire obstacles and battery and machine gun shelters. A system of rip-saw trenches covers the whole front and is backed by several other lines just as strong. These trenches bear no resemblance whatever to those of a few months ago. They really are no longer trenches, but elongated forts. Bricks, stones, cement, armoplaster, hardwood and a countless number of earth bags—these are the component parts of the latest war ditches. Whatever their depth, the man behind the rifle is as well protected as a seaman in a warship's turret.

Pumps in Trenches.

The terrors of mud and water have been conquered. Pumps have drained the bottoms of the trenches and boards

are laid on to give the troops a dry footing. Braziers blazing at short intervals keep them warm.

Hot soup and coffee are given the men early every morning—hot meat, vegetables and wine at noon and the same in the evening. Altogether one pound of meat is served daily per man, and two pounds of bread, one pound of vegetables, a pint of wine and a pint of coffee. A very important improvement is the introduction of an efficient sanitary system some distance from the dugouts.

The men have buckled down to the business of war with a stoicism worthy of a grand people. During the day, except for the sentries in the trenches, very little is seen of this great burrowing army. In fact an appalling hush dominates the whole of Flanders. In daytime a chilly sea-borne wind howling through the shattered woods, across the lifeless, muddy plains, through ruined farmhouses and along the sluggish canals, alone breaks the deadly silence of utter desolation. It is as though the medieval Black Death had swept the whole country. But as soon as darkness falls the sky is broken by probing white streaks of powerful searchlights, miles away, watching for hostile aircraft.

Work Smoothly.

One cannot fail to be immensely impressed by the complete smoothness with which all the different services are worked. It is evident that the infinite criss-crossing of traffic enabled by the multifarious supply services works to a wonderfully evolved plan and without the slightest hitch or confusion. This is part of that gigantic organization which has used the brains, resources and energies of the whole country to make an army whose efficiency has now reached the point of perfection.

But with all this the final result has not been achieved by the allied forces as yet. The plans have still to come to their fruition. The war at this point is now one of guns, machinery and organization. When the clash comes it will be the mightiest and bloodiest the world has ever known.

LEADER OF IRISH PARTY; JOHN REDMOND



LARGER MAJORITY ON SECOND READING

Expected Opposition to Military Service Bill Will Continue to Dwindle

MEASURE AGAIN BEFORE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

To-morrow They Will Discuss Certain Features of Military Service Bill

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S. S. CLAN MACFARLANE SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN

London, Jan. 11.—The British steamship Clan Macfarlane, of 4,323 tons gross, was sunk in the Mediterranean on Dec. 30. Six officers and eighteen lascars were landed at Malta. Thirteen lascars died in the lifeboats.

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FEEBLE ATTEMPTS BY ENEMY FORCES

Russians Consolidate Positions
Won During Attacks in
Galicia and Bukowina

Petrograd, Jan. 11.—The following
official communication was issued last
evening:

"The situation on our Western front on
Sunday was generally calm. In
Galicia, and to the east of Czernowitz
(Bukowina) the enemy, having suf-
fered enormous losses in our attacks,
and being disorganized by the failure
of his desperate counter-attacks, has
displayed no sign of activity beyond
feeble attempts with artillery and hand
grenades to interfere with the work
of our men in consolidating the positions
they have won."

In the Caucasian coast region, a
detachment of Russian scouts on
Saturday night, during a violent
Turkish fire, broke through the
enemy's front on Archave River, de-
molished a bridgehead held by the
enemy, and returned without loss."

Vienna, Jan. 11.—The following of-
ficial communication was issued last
evening:

"In East Galicia and on the Bessa-
rabiian frontier there has been no
fighting of importance. Near Topor-
utz an enemy advance was repulsed."

Violent Fighting

London, Jan. 11.—Reports from Aus-
tria say that in the struggle for
Czartorysk, Volhynia, and Czernowitz,
Bukowina, the two temporary objectives
of the tremendous Russian drive,
175,000 men have fallen on both sides
in the last few weeks.

Berlin and Vienna, thoroughly awake
now to the enormous proportions of the
new Russian offensive, describe the
fighting as not only the most desperate
but the most reckless of the war, as
far as the Russians are concerned.

The Pester Lloyd, one of the most reliable
of the Hungarian newspapers, makes the
statement that 175,000 men have been
killed or wounded in the short
seventy-mile front. Berlin claims
that the Russian losses in dead and
wounded in the last few days alone
have exceeded 50,000.

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AN ACTOR-SOLDIER'S APPEAL FOR RECRUITS



SGT. NORMAN WRIGHTON
The actor, dressed in armor to repre-
sent St. George, of Dragom fame, and
mounted on a white horse, rode up to
the Sir Henry Irving memorial statue
at Charing Cross and addressed a re-
cruiting meeting with considerable
Effect.

TRADE OF GERMANY MUST BE CUT AWAY

Allies Must Unite Against
Enemy Country, Says Rt.
Hon. Walter Runciman

London, Jan. 11.—Rt. Hon. Walter
Runciman, president of the board of
trade, won tremendous applause in the
house of commons last night by a
speech in which he declared that the
entente powers must take steps to see
that Germany is unable to carry on a
trade war against them after peace is
signed.

"There are signs," he said, "that at
last Germany is beginning to feel the
economic pressure of our blockade. Her
food supplies are becoming depleted,
while ours are increasing. Although
our exports have fallen, and our im-
ports have risen, there is no doubt that
the economic strength of Great Britain
is so well founded that we can stand
the strain far better than the central
powers.

"The board of trade is looking ahead.
We must ask the co-operation of our
dominions: we must— that control of
the metals of the empire passes
entirely from German hands; we must
keep control of the world's coal supply;
we must sacrifice control of the supply
of oil.

"As regards shipping, we must see
that foreign subsidized shipping shall
not have the free run of our ports to
the disadvantage of our ships. While
the war is on, we must do everything
in our power to deter German finance,
credit and trade.

"The motion which the house is dis-
cussing to-day has proved fruitful soil.
It will show the enemy that we are not
yet at the end of our ingenuity in win-
ning the war. The work of the board
of trade shall be to see that after the
war Germany does not have the oppor-
tunity of reorganizing her commercial
system before our trade has begun to
flow in ever-increasing volume, to see
that Germany has no chance to recon-
struct her machinery."

FOUR OVERCOME BY SMOKE IN FIRE IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Jan. 11.—Galloway's old
book store, 82 Granville street, was prac-
tically gutted by fire which broke out in
the boiler-room under the basement. It is
thought, at 1 o'clock this morning. Four
guests in the Norfolk rooms above the
store were overcome by smoke and car-
ried out in a semi-conscious condition by
the firemen. Constables Reid and New-
ton, who were standing on the corner of
Granville and Smyth streets when the
fire broke out, and a guest at the room-
ing house, sent in the calls to the fire
department. The loss suffered by the
store in stock and effects is serious and
is believed to be in the neighborhood
of \$10,000.

COLD AT CALGARY.

Calgary, Jan. 11.—The official re-
cord of the temperature at midnight
was 36 below zero, with the mercury
still falling. In the outlying districts
from 40 to 45 degrees below zero was
reported. There have been several
cases of freezing, but no fatalities.

KAISER DREAMS OF ENTRY INTO BERLIN

Thinks He Will Be Able to In-
dulge Love of the
Theatrical

Berlin, via London, Jan. 11.—Kaiser
Wilhelm, who cannot long restrain his
inclination to indulge in theatrical dis-
play, or, if the dramatic performance
itself be impossible, at least to pre-
pare for it, has arranged the details of a
triumphal entry into Berlin, "when we
have gained complete victory over
all the enemies of Germany." He him-
self intends to be the central figure of
the patriotic pageant—the hero of the
day on which his people will acclaim
him as the greatest conqueror of all
times.

The programme of the festival of vic-
tory is drawn up by the kaiser pro-
vides for an imposing procession, start-
ing from the Reichskanzler Platz, at
the end of the Doberitz military road,
and proceeded through Charlottenburg
into the Tiergarten to the Branden-
burg Gate, and thence along Unter den
Linden to the Schloss Platz, the square
in front of the imperial palace, in the
centre of Berlin. In the procession will
march, according to the kaiser's stage
directions, 100,000 men of the German
army and navy, representing as many
regiments and individual war ships as
can possibly be arranged. There will
be cavalry and artillery, infantry and
sappers, seamen and marines, of Zep-
pelin and Taubes, of 17-inch guns and
mortars and Minenwerfer will be car-
ried in the procession in solemn state
Professors and Pastors.

By way of a reminder that the Ger-
man army fights for the higher Ger-
manic civilization, a group of learned
professors, in their academic robes,
musicians, painters, sculptors, authors
and scientists will march behind a
banner dedicated to "kultur." The
righteousness of Germany's cause will
be emphasized by the addition to the
procession of a squad of priests, m-
ahomedans to indicate the close alliance
with Islam. Field Marshals von
Hindenburg and von Mackensen, Ad-
miral von Tirpitz and Count Zeppelin
will be there, with other generals and
naval officers who have earned distinc-
tion.

"And enthroned on an elevated plat-
form forming the uppermost part of a
specially constructed motor chariot of
victory will be the kaiser, dressed
quite simply in the grey-green uniform
of his army, wearing no decoration but
the Iron Cross and carrying in his right
hand a marshal's baton."

Heads of States.

In his immediate suite the crown
prince, the kings of Bavaria, Saxony
and Wurtemberg, and the grand dukes,
dukes and reigning princes of the
smaller states of the empire, an Aus-
trian archduke, a prince of the Otto-
man imperial family and the King of
Bulgaria. The flags of the "defeated
foes" (Britain, France, Russia, Belgium
and Serbia) are to be trailed in the
dust, with the German imperial stand-
ard waving proudly over them.

TWO AMERICANS HELD IN PRISON AT HOLYPORT

Los Angeles, Jan. 11.—Captain Kurt
Bauer, a rancher near Whittier, and Dr.
Arnold Koleschutter, of Los Angeles, were
held in the army prison at Holyport,
Eng. It has been learned here through
letters from the two which tell of the
pleasing treatment accorded them.

The prisoners of war are allowed to do
nearly everything they choose, according
to the letters, even to pasting the walls
of their rooms with pictures of the kai-
ser. They are required to exercise in the
field two days a week.

Twenty-eighth Battalion—Seriously ill:
Corp. G. W. Stacey-Bush, England.

Fourteenth Battalion—Wounded: Sgt.
E. Cowen, Providence, R. I.; Pte. A. E.
Carr, Montreal.

Killed in action: Pte. Edward Carey,
Saginaw, Mich.; Sgt. Wm. Blackett,
Mexico.

Severely wounded: Pte. Robert An-
derson, England.

Fifteenth Battalion—Killed in action:
Pte. Wm. McInerney, St. John, N. B.

Slightly wounded—Pte. W. G. Bar-
rett, England.

Eighteenth Battalion—Killed in ac-
tion: Pte. P. Newlands, Scotland.

Nineteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte.
J. Hutchins, England.

Twenty-first Battalion—Wounded:
Pte. Wm. Penfold, Deseronto, Ont.

Twenty-fourth Battalion—Killed in ac-
tion: Pte. R. H. Driscoll, Montreal.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Wounded:
Lee-Corp. J. G. Harris, Campbellton,
N. B.

Twenty-eighth Battalion—Wounded:
Pte. E. Dempster, England.

Thirty-first Battalion—Killed in ac-
tion: Sgt. A. J. Kemp, Edmonton.

Thirty-ninth Battalion—Died: Pte. D.
A. Warner, Wales, Ont.

Fortieth Battalion—Dangerously ill:
Pte. Stanley Walton, Truro, N. S.

Forty-third Battalion—Seriously ill:
Pte. R. E. Horton, Smith's Falls, Ont.

Pte. E. F. Levene, England.

Fifty-eighth Battalion—Died: Pte. D.
S. Gallagher, Hillcarleton, New On-
tario.

Princess Patricia—Wounded: Pte. F.
A. Scott, Scotland.

Second Field Artillery—Severely
wounded—Pte. E. A. Bertrand, Sydney,
N. S.

Training Depot, Engineers' Corps—
Dangerously ill: Lee-Corp. Edward
Maitby, England.

SEAS AT SEATTLE
DID DAMAGE TO-DAY

Seattle, Jan. 10.—Washed from their
foundations by huge rollers driven

in from sea at the head of a 30-mile gale,

the homes of A. K. Bell, 2021 Alki avenue,
and G. F. Johnson, his neighbor, were

dashed against the rocks at high tide
to-day and crushed like egg shells.

Scores of other homes were threatened

with destruction, some were damaged

and thousands of yards of the new earth
fill in the Alki avenue upgrade were

washed away by the most furious sea

disturbance Seattle has suffered from
in years.

The \$30,000 dredge being used by the

Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging com-
pany in filling Alki avenue was swept

off its piling and is in danger of being

buried to pieces.

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CROWN PRINCE STILL
EXPECTING VICTORY

Kaiser's Son Does Not Realize
Even Yet Germany
Must Lose

Berlin, Jan. 11.—An American correspondent here writes:

I have had a unique interview with the German crown prince, who is leading his army in France.

I had telephoned to the crown prince from Berlin, sending him New Year's greetings and inquiring whether, in his opinion, the great war would be brought to a close in 1916. Answering my telephone in my room in the Adlon hotel at 10 o'clock in the morning, I was informed that the crown prince was calling from German general headquarters in France.

After exchanging greetings, the crown prince said, speaking perfect English very distinctly:

I wish to answer your question about the prospects of the war ending during the present year. I can say that I am convinced that we shall win in the end, just as I was convinced a year ago that we would win. It is difficult to say whether our victory will be proclaimed in the year 1916, but of the ultimate outcome I have no doubt.

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Munitions Front Stories.

I asked the crown prince what, in his opinion, would be the chief factor in prolonging the war. He answered directly and pleasantly without a trace of rancor:

"It is a great pity that your country is sending weapons and ammunition to the enemy armies. This is the factor that prolongs the war."

I asked him if American ammunition was being used generally along the front:

"Yes," he replied, "a very great deal of it is now being fired along the entire front."

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"The allies are making no progress whatever on any part of our front," he said.

There evidently being too little fighting to be worth talking about, the crown prince changed the topic to that of the weather.

"The weather out here is very bad," he said. "It rains every day and everywhere and everything is wet."

RAFTS BROKEN UP.

Edmonds, Wash., Jan. 11.—The storm yesterday broke up seven sections of logs at Brown's Bay. The Great Northern tracks were washed out in places between Meentum and Meadowdale. Yosel & Sons' lumber shed was lifted five feet high by the wind and some lumber was washed away.

FIRE IN IOWA TOWN.

Ottumwa, Ia., Jan. 11.—Fire early to-day destroyed five stores in the retail district, causing a loss of \$500,000.



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BELGIANS LOOK TO
CANADA FOR HELP

Wheat is Needed; Winter Has
Increased Numbers in
Bread Lines

Brussels, Jan. 11.—The setting in of the more severe winter weather has been marked by a noticeable increase in the numbers in the bread lines of the Belgian relief commission, and the quarters where the bread is dispensed are daily becoming the stages on which more and more pitiful scenes are enacted. And the most lamentable part of it all is that as the demands on the relief commission increases, the supply decreases until starvation is imminent unless more food products, particularly wheat, are received from the Canadian sources which gave so generously in the earlier stages of the war.

Several months ago five ships from Montreal and Halifax, laden with clothing, wheat, flour and potatoes, were moored and unloaded in the ports of Holland and their cargoes quickly shipped to Brussels and other cities where needed. Over \$2,000,000 worth of goods were received through the offices of the Belgian relief fund of Montreal and its branches all over the Dominion of Canada, but since that time these supplies have become exhausted and the committee here is seeking more to keep the population from starvation.

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NO MUNICIPAL CONTEST
IN FERNIE THIS YEAR

Fernie, Jan. 11.—There will be no municipal election contest in Fernie this year. The personnel of the new council, with one exception, will be the same as last year. Mayor Thomas Uphill met with no opposition in his desire for re-election. Of the old councilors, Sam Graham, J. E. Marshall, Edmund Brooks, William Jackson and William Robichaud were re-nominated and the place of H. E. Barnes on the council will be filled during the coming year by W. J. J. Morrison.

S. F. Wallace, proprietor of the Fernie hotel, will be the only new man on the school board, as William Stockwell was re-nominated and the two-year-old terms of G. C. Henderson, T. H. Williams and James Brooks do not expire for another year.

NEXT WIDE DISCUSSION
STATES WILL START

London, Jan. 11.—It is expected that the next wide international discussion the United States government will start will relate to the restrictions placed on the trade of the United States as a result of the war. It is understood here that Washington has been waiting only for settlement of the submarine controversy with the Teutonic empires before starting discussion.

The British appreciate the fact that the United States offered Germany no inducements in bringing the submarine negotiations to a conclusion, but they are determined that "freedom of the seas" shall not become a phrase meaning assistance to Germany or the building up of another nation's commerce at the expense of Britain. They realize that the Americans have suffered through the British orders-in-council, but they hold that the United States should recognize that the orders were necessary and unavoidable.

TACOMA MAN DEAD.

Tacoma, Jan. 11.—Major O. B. Hayden, a resident of Tacoma since 1888, when he came here from Iowa and organized the Citizens' National Bank, died last night at his home after a protracted illness. He was born in Indiana in 1848.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION.

Wilmington, Jan. 10.—At 4:22 o'clock this afternoon another heavy explosion was felt here. It is believed the explosion occurred at the Hagley plant of the DuPont Powder company.

LIFEBELTS FROM GERMAN
WAR VESSEL PICKED UP

Berlin, Jan. 11.—A Copenhagen newspaper states that lifebelts from a German man-of-war have been found on the Swedish coast.

It is stated authoritatively here that these belts must be from the German cruiser Breisach, announcement of the sinking of which by a submarine was made officially last month.

FORD PARTY.

The Hague, Jan. 11.—The Dutch peace advocates are withholding their endorsement of the Ford peace party until the Americans have had more time to form tangible plans for peace. A mass meeting for this purpose will be held to-night by the Ford delegates.

AN AVIATORS' SHELTER



Two members of the Royal Naval Air Service at their dugout on the front somewhere in Flanders. They call their shelter the "Wheatshed." On many occasions the Germans have had good reason to appreciate the splendid efficiency of Britain's naval airmen.

GERMANS HOPED FOR
IMPORTANT RESULTS

Strong Effort Made in Cham-
pagne Failure, Says
French Report

Paris, Jan. 11.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"There has been general artillery activity along the front. On the heights of the Meuse, a violent bombardment of enemy positions in the Bois-des-Chevaliers has occurred. Our fire opened extensive breaches in the German trenches and caused some of them to fall in."

"In Champagne, the battle continued during the course of the day. A series of counter-attacks enabled us to re-occupy successively almost all the sections lost."

"It is confirmed that the German attack was, as much by the importance of the effectiveness engaged as by the means employed, an action on a large scale designed to produce important results, but has ended in a very abrupt check.

We know from an indubitable source that one entire brigade was launched against a single point of the extensive front attacked."

British Report.

London, Jan. 11.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"There has been artillery activity today near Fauquissart, in the Bois Grenier, at St. Etiud and around Ypres Hostile aircraft dropped bombs near Strazeele, Hazebrouck and St. Omer. One woman and one child were killed."

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VICTORIA AND HER NEIGHBORS.

Congratulations are being extended to the Mayor of Victoria and to the Reeves of the three sister municipalities on their election by unanimous voice to the important positions they will occupy during the ensuing year. In these troubled times the chief executive of a municipality in almost any section of British Columbia will hold no sinecure. There are difficult problems in administration to solve in Victoria, and it is a remarkable tribute to the popularity of Mayor Stewart and an expression of extraordinary confidence in his abilities by the ratepayers that he should be chosen without opposition to guide the destinies of the city during what will prove, in all probability, one of the most trying periods in its history. We do not think any mistake has been made in the choice of the people. When times of stress arise it is wise to place a steady, sure and experienced hand at the helm.

Reeve McGregor and his council in Saanich have been subjected to considerable criticism, most of it, we think, of a puerile character, during the past year. The ratepayers of the municipality, however, have given the most effective rebuttal evidence against those attacks and have testified convincingly to their belief in the honesty and efficiency of the administration by electing it almost unanimously to office for another year.

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MAKING FOR EFFICIENCY.

The announcement of the British war office that promotion from the ranks will be more widely adopted in the army is not unexpected. It is an authoritative departure from an old custom which was imposing enough in the piping times of peace but which is fatally defective in a struggle such as that now going on. In this conflict nothing but merit counts, no matter where it may be found. The grim facts do not recognize any other qualification and we have lost battles because we have ignored them. A country may have the finest infantrymen in the world, but if its officers are not chosen on account of fitness it cannot overcome an enemy whose men may be fifty per cent inferior but whose officers are selected in strict accordance with the immutable demands of efficiency. France long has recognized this. Napoleon first impressed upon her the logic of it. It is a fundamental law of sound human progress. We may break the law and present an imposing front, but we suffer for it in competition with those who observe it. There is ample room for improvement by Canada in this respect. While social position or influence has little, if anything, to do with the selection of officers in the Canadian army, political patronage, which is worse, has a lot to do with it. Eloquent proof of this may be found in the six hundred Canadian officers weeded out of our various overseas units when they reached England. In the recent announcement of the War Office may be seen the hand of Sir William Robertson, the new chief of the imperial army staff. This distinguished soldier sprang from the ranks. Prior to being a soldier he was a footman. He rose by sheer merit, like the great majority of Napoleon's most brilliant marshals. Statesmen such as Lloyd George have

vindicated this principle as applied to public life. Better results will vindicate it in the army.

REPUDIATED—BUT WITH US STILL.

The morning paper argues at length that a new ministry should not be held responsible for the acts of its predecessor simply because both may belong to the same political party. In other words, the unlovely features of the McBride government's record should not affect the electorate's opinion of the Bowser government. What is past is past. The old order has vanished completely with its unfulfilled "undertakings." There is a clean slate. The new government comes before us an innocent babe without even a thumb print on its swaddling clothes. This, we presume, is the impression our contemporary seeks to convey.

The implication in the argument is tough on Sir Richard. It is like riding a dead duck with shot. It opens the gate to a flood of reminiscences of those halcyon days when the ex-premier seldom glanced at the front page of the interesting Sunday edition of his chief supporting journal without showing an excellent likeness of himself, and never turned to the news and editorial columns without learning that he was a peerless statesman of miraculous record. Now, there are spots on the sun, whole continents of them in fact, and it is desirable to forget that solar centre altogether. We disown it; away with it! Let us put on smoked glasses and gaze rapturously only at the new sun.

But the electors cannot forget the record of the McBride government. There are too many reminders of it—a skeleton in every closet. Every time they receive a bill for foodstuffs that they cannot pay, they think of the late ministry's land policy, and that reminds them that Mr. Bowser was the member who coined that brilliant aphorism, "Let the speculator have his change."

Among the electors are thousands of victims of the Dominion Trust debacle. For the very life of them they will not be able to forget that Mr. Bowser was the minister who helped to grease the slide which deposited them in their present unfortunate predicament. Mr. Ross and Mr. Taylor are also strongly reminiscent of the late ministry. There is nothing to show that Mr. Bowser as a member of the former administration tried to block the appointment of Col. one. Thomson as landscape gardener extraordinary at Strathcona Park at a salary of \$15,000 per annum plus expenses. The Kitsilano Indian reserve is also a vivid reminder of the late administration—and Mr. Bowser. In fact, in many respects the present premier was the whole administration.

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Native Sons Meet.—The regular meeting of Post No. 1, Native Sons, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, in the K. of P. hall, 840 N. Park street, and considerable business is to be transacted, including the installation of the officers elected at the last meeting. Several candidates will appear for initiation, and after the business has been transacted, cards will be played for an hour or so. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

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The Choral Society.—The usual weekly rehearsal of the Choral society will be held this evening in the Practice hall, Carter block, Courtney street, opposite the Alexandra club. All members are requested to be present, and the society invites the attendance of new members for each part. The work in hand is "The Ancient Mariner," and members will find great pleasure in the study of this work.

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Enemy Newspapers Prohibited.—The New Yorker Herald, a daily paper, and the New Yorker Review, a Sunday paper, both published in German by the New Yorker Zeitung Publishing and Printing company, New York City, are prohibited from passing through the mails in Canada, and it is an offence to have any copies of them.

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WILL LODGE PROTEST AGAINST NOMINATION

School Trustee in Saanich Claimed to Be Debarred Under Statutory Restriction

The Saanich election campaign proceeds with the same earnestness which marks the conduct of all municipal affairs in the neighboring municipalities. Last evening the candidates were at Colquitz hall, in Ward IV, and the speakers were accorded a good reception, including the new representative of the district, Councillor-Elect D. W. Jones. The Reeve and several of the councillors spoke, explaining the objects of the public works in hand, and the progress made upon them.

The candidates for school trustees, Mrs. Hutchinson and G. F. Watson particularly, had cordial receptions.

To-night there will be a meeting in Ward V, when the Reeve will reply to Alderman McNeill's statement in city council in the High school tuition fee controversy.

A protest is to be lodged by A. E. Horner, secretary of the Central Ratepayers' association, against the candidature of F. E. Letts, on the ground that he is a clergyman, and is therefore debarred under section 122 of the act from sitting on a school board.

Mr. Letts, who was formerly an officiating Baptist minister, is now in business.

The protest will be lodged with the returning officer to-day.

Sleighs at Watson & McGregor's Johnson Street.

The Bona Dee Club will hold their weekly dance to-night at the Alexandra ballroom.

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Purple Star Lodge.—Purple Star Lodge, No. 194, will give a dance in the Orange hall on Wednesday evening from 8:30 to 12. All Orange lodges are invited. Members are requested to bring refreshments.

Pythian Club Dance.—The Pythian club will hold a social dance on Friday in the K. of P. hall, North Park street.

Dancing will commence at 8:30. Invitations can be secured from W. T. Burge at Kirkham's, Ltd.

Chain Tea—All members of Lodge Princess Alexandra, Daughters of England, are invited to a chain tea to be given by Mrs. Hymer, 397 Constance avenue, Esquimalt, on Thursday afternoon from 3 until 5 p.m.

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Civic Assessments.—The assessment figure for 1916, as returned by the city assessor to the council last evening, are \$70,189,230 on land, and \$28,328,280 on improvements, a total of \$98,517,280. The reduction on land is \$10,561,800, or 13 per cent. The assessors' figures were referred by the council to the incoming council, for the appointment of the court of revision.

Visited the Soldiers.—Yesterday afternoon the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Barnard visited the returned soldiers at Esquimalt, and after an inspection of the convalescent home congratulated the matron and sisters upon the neatness and completeness of the arrangements made for the treatment of their patients. The soldiers, who appeared well satisfied with the comfort of their quarters, were also complimented by their honor on the work they had done for the empire.

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Social Service Work.—The Rev. Hugh Dobson, field secretary of the department of social service of the Methodist church, will visit the city this week. On Friday evening at 8 o'clock he will address a public meeting at the Wesley Methodist church. On Saturday

LIBERAL MEETINGS
POSTPONED FOR WEEK

Owing to Civic Election it is Thought Well to Defer Ward Gatherings

It was decided yesterday afternoon to postpone for a week the holding of the annual meetings of the Liberal Ward associations. When these were called for this week in accordance with the constitution it was overlooked that it was a civic election week, and that citizens would be taken up with the election meetings, and the interest of the civic campaign.

As it would probably have been impossible to secure the usual representative attendance at the various ward gatherings in view of the other more pressing demands upon attention, it was agreed by the several presidents of the associations to postpone each meeting for a week, except that of Ward V, which will be held on Friday evening next, as first announced.

The meetings will be held in the Jeme block rooms next week on the same evenings as they were called for this week—Ward I. on Monday, Ward II. on Tuesday, Ward III. on Wednesday, and Ward IV on Thursday.

WOULD COME WEST

Resident of Fort William Wants Information on Investment That Will Return Income.

The commissioner of the Victoria and Island Development association has received a request for information from a photographer at Fort William who wants to come west to open business or to start chicken raising and vegetable growing. He makes inquiries with regard to motor launch freighting and fishing.

The letter contains the information that Victoria is being widely discussed at Fort William, where there are many families considering a move to the coast. The writer says he has capital to invest, and desires a location where he can settle permanently.

Providing there are chances here for a return on an investment the writer says there are numbers of people in that district who will come here.

B. and V. Club.—The B. & V. club will hold their fortnightly dance at Connaught hall to-morrow evening.

W. C. T. U. General Board.—An all-journal meeting of the board will be held on Monday, Jan. 17, at 3 o'clock, at the V. W. C. A.

Sidney Board of Trade.—The Sidney Board of Trade will meet on Tuesday evening in Bergquist hall. The reports of committees, correspondence on the wharf repairs, and a resolution on shipbuilding are amongst the various business matters to be considered.

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AT THE THEATRES

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"Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo," is the big feature at the Dominion. In this great play Theodore Roberts is sure to meet with universal approval for his masterly impersonation. In the part of the Russian diplomat he could not have been better. "Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo," as a story was widely read in the Saturday Evening Post. The tale was a very popular one and the picturization is an even greater success. The plot is interesting from the very start, concerning as it is the framing of a treaty by three of the most powerful European nations to leave Britain alone and defenseless. Three of the greatest diplomats in Europe are to meet as if by chance in Monte Carlo. They are told to stop at nothing in order to arrange their treaty and Britain must not know. Britain suspects and finds out. How she finds out is shown in the picture which abounds in thrills and adventure.

COLUMBIA THEATRE.

That the innovation of vaudeville at the Columbia is popular with the patrons of this theatre is proven by the capacity houses which have greeted its return since Thursday last. This week's bill is an exceptionally strong one, and earned much merited applause from an appreciative audience at last night's performance when in spite of the cold every available seat was filled.

Grant and Casmy opened the bill with a neat talking, singing and dancing act that was exceptionally well received. Arthur Tenny presented a ventriloquistic novelty that surpasses anything of the kind seen in Victoria for some time.

Jordan and Sigemore have a comedy piano act that brought them rounds of applause, while the Great Lazern, who closes the bill, is a magician of the first rank, presenting many new and novel tricks.

The programme which also contains six reels of pictures gives two hours of solid enjoyment.

BIRTH OF A NATION.

A stupendous attraction at the Royal Victoria theatre will be D. W. Griffith's mighty spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation." The engagement begins on Monday, January 17, and is for one week, with daily matinees.

This is the great production which is still making a record run of over 800 performances in New York City, where it created the sensation of the season. It is estimated that over two million people have seen the production, since it was originally brought out in the east. It has other sensational runs in Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Toronto, and Montreal to its credit. "The Birth of a Nation," has created new records in Canada for long runs and large audiences everywhere it goes. In Toronto and Montreal famous road stars were cancelled in order to continue the run of Griffith's masterpiece in the Royal Alexandra theatre and also in the Arena.

Mr. Griffith was eight months making this wonderful story. He employed 18,000 people and 3,000 horses, and the total cost of the work reached the enormous figure of half a million dollars.

The story is one of romance and adventure linked to the most vital periods of American history. It records its facts with the rapidity of lightning, and yet never departs from the fundamentals of true drama. Love and conflict are its basic themes, but a myriad of details illuminate the narrative, and life it so far beyond anything the stage has ever known that the usual avenues of comparison do not offer a road to follow in this instance. Linked with the drama is an operatic score which carries recurrent themes with every vital scene and character in the epic. This wonderful score which synchronized to the drama is in itself an incomparable work of art. An orchestra of forty travels with the attraction to handle the musical features of the presentation.

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The fair princess drinks the second potion, drops to her knees—and sinks away into her age-long sleep.

Three thousand years later Geoffrey Lascelles, an American, is presented with an Egyptian mummy. The potion of the ancient wise man of the desert has done its work.

The beautiful daughter of the Pharaoh awakes—shakes off her grave clothes, and awakens Geoffrey Lascelles.

Stunned and mute with surprise, Lascelles finally endeavors to care for her. He is strung with her and her beauty, but only the night before he has announced his engagement to Violet Manning.

The princess is discovered in his quarters. Violet Manning meets her. The princess rages—and serves Geoffrey the love potion.

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GOOD BILL AT PANTAGES

Miss Bertha Gardner Sings Exquisitely; Some Excellent Humorous Items; Bicycle Race.

The betting was not what the bookmakers call "warm" for the bicycle race that was run last night at Pantages, but perhaps it was because the onlookers were too busy laughing at the funny resourcefulness of one of the racers in his ambition to come out ahead. Two big dials occupy a prominent position and indicate just where the racers stand. The race is the climax to quite an entertaining feature on wheels by The Heuman Trio.

There is a man who cleverly juggles balls and talks the while. He is Mr. Wiggin, no doubt, the "C. Co." probably being the numerous mannequins and antic-pantomime figures that appear from time to time and occasion funny remarks.

Roberts, Stuart and Roberts present a revue, 1915-16, which has much dancing and several costumes. The most laughable bit is when in response to the hearing appeal of "Where is my child?" from the lady a man infant in short socks and "buster" frock and hat bounds up from the audience.

There is a song about the soldiers which greatly takes the fancy of the audience in "After the Matinee" and the lady responded to an encore by an additional verse. There is something quite original in the comedy of this turn, and there is amusement in the faces of the listeners the whole time. Lewis, Belmont & Lewis are on the stage. Just as much astonishment, however, is written in the expression when Ray Lawrence, posing in several pretty frocks as "Just an American girl," explains herself.

Last, but by no means least, the bill this week includes Miss Bertha Gardner, who has a voice of exquisite quality and which is a great desideratum, obviously the very best of training. The enthusiasm with which she was called back again proves beyond any doubt that the audience at a variety performance is by no means insensitive to the difference between true art and mere noise. Both the grand opera selections and ballads were beautiful.

ROYAL VICTORIA.

The feature film, "The Dust of Egypt," which is the attraction at the Royal Victoria for the first three days of this week, refuses to fit any of the accepted classifications, as it is neither drama or comedy. "The Dust of Egypt" throbs with originality. It is a story of the modern—and the ancient. In exactly one-tenth of a second one is dreamed back three thousand years and ushered into the royal room of Amenset, a Pharaoh's daughter where she sits enthroned in all the glory and wonder of a glittering Cleopatra.

Amesent is tired of splendor—tired of glory. Ami, the wise man of the desert is sent for.

He gives her two potions. The first potion will make the one who quaffs it Amesent's slave in a love that has never been surpassed. The second is a potion of a death sleep—that will last three thousand years.

The fair princess drinks the second potion, drops to her knees—and sinks away into her age-long sleep.

Three thousand years later Geoffrey Lascelles, an American, is presented with an Egyptian mummy. The potion of the ancient wise man of the desert has done its work.

The beautiful daughter of the Pharaoh awakes—shakes off her grave clothes, and awakens Geoffrey Lascelles.

Stunned and mute with surprise, Lascelles finally endeavors to care for her. He is strung with her and her beauty, but only the night before he has announced his engagement to Violet Manning.

The princess is discovered in his quarters. Violet Manning meets her. The princess rages—and serves Geoffrey the love potion.

There are seven reels of wondrous spectacles. There is the glory and pomp of the Ancient East. There is the sparkle and dash of the modern. Picturesque, and strikingly original—this wonderful Vitagraph Blue Ribbon feature marks a new step toward film interest and film perfection.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT

Band of 11th C. M. R. in Excellent Form at Sunday Night's Concert at Variety Theatre.

The first of the Sunday evening concerts inaugurated by the band of the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles through the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Guy Kirkpatrick, the officer commanding, was presented to a crowded house at the Variety theatre on Sunday night, every available seat being filled long before the concert had commenced, while hundreds of people were turned away through lack of accommodation. The Voluntary Aid Detachment received the entire proceeds of the collection, which amounted to \$69.90, a number of the ladies from that organization being in charge of the collection plates at the door.

The concert opened with the National Anthem, which was sung by the entire audience, and throughout the balance of the programme Bandmaster Slatter showed that he had his musicians well in hand, their rendition of "O Canada" the overture, "The Bandit's Folly," the Irish Fantasy, "Shamrock" and other difficult selections, being perfectly rendered in every sense of the word, and calling forth the unstinted applause and appreciation of the audience.

A feature of the excellent programme was the singing of Mrs. Harry Briggs, the well known local soprano, Trooper L. Fairlie and Sgt. W. Dick, of the 11 C. M. R. All three vocalists were in fine voice and carried their audience from the start, being heartily encored for their numbers.

There is no doubt that capacity houses will greet the band at each of their Sunday concerts in the Variety theatre, as they have firmly established themselves in the public favor by the excellent manner in which they handled the programme given Sunday evening.

Elected put in men who will not stand for political affiliations in municipal affairs. Givertz and Day.

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In Tweeds, Serges, Gabardines, Corduroy Vests and Black and White checks.

Regular \$5.00 values for \$2.50
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

Fred Rea, Jr., of Seattle, is at the Dominion.

Wm. E. Wren, of Comox, is staying at the Dominion.

Geo. N. Cleveland, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion.

Henry Clark, A. M. I. M. E., of 84 Moss street, accompanied by Mrs. Clark, leaves to-day on the Aki Maru for a four months' business trip to the Orient. They expect to visit Yokohama, Fusai, Seoul, Mukden, Port Arthur and Shanghai.

Dan McLeod, of Schuyler, Neb., is registered at the Dominion.

H. Boles and Mrs. Boles, of Carberry, are staying at the Dominion.

Leont F. R. Stuart, of Vancouver, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Miss Julia Wallingford, of Vancouver, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

O. S. Bent, of San Francisco, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

Mr. Baker, of Montreal, in the city and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

PEOPLE OF VICTORIA
READ LESS FICTION

Public Library Report Discloses
Interesting Fact; Labor
Bureau's Work

SHOPLIFTER GIVEN
A MONTH IN JAIL

Chinese Arrival From Vancouver is Caught in Act of Stealing Bolt of Cloth

COMOX DISTRICT IS
STRONG FOR STEWART

Visitor Says Liberal Candidate
Will Be a Sure Winner in
That Constituency

Buried in annual reports, which are printed and filed in the archives of all public bodies, are often interesting facts about the habits of the community. The library commissioners, in their report to council, which has now been filed, point out that stopping the purchase of books for the library in this period of retrenchment, will result in the stock of books soon being worn out, and in "gaping shelves meeting the eyes of disappointed patrons." Critics of the Carnegie library system no doubt will be pleased to learn that the percentage issue of works of fiction fell from 73 per cent. in 1914 to 66 per cent. in 1915. The library contains 23,429 volumes, being enriched by 3,348 in the past year. They are composed as follows: Circulating adults, 18,476; juvenile, 3,778; total, 22,254; and reference, 1,191 and juvenile 14; total, 1,175. The enrolment of the library is 16,422 (2,670 in the juvenile department), of whom 3,182 joined in the year. The books in demand in 1915 were largely applied science, books on the war, and pure literature, particularly poetry and the drama. To cope with war conditions books on military drill, etc., have been obtained, and special provision made for the admission of soldiers. The night schools have stimulated a demand for books dealing with extension courses. The need of a new building as soon as possible is strongly emphasized.

Health Department

The quiet, watchful work of the health department is described in the report of the sanitary inspector, who tells how milk has been examined, buildings cleaned up, food analyzed, stables altered, and an influence generally exercised for the good of Victoria. The board of health is particularly requested to act with regard to examination of milk sources, by inspection of herds through the provincial department of agriculture.

The labor bureau has justified its critics, in putting 3,891 men and 872 women to work, many of the women in permanent positions. On the new register there are 601 men and 454 women registered. In addition to those whose employment has been recorded, numbers have found work indirectly through the bureau.

During the year the city passed 116 by-laws, according to a return from the city clerk.

Lend a hand and trust to luck;
Something's due to Jack Canuck;
Patriotic Aid Society, 1210 Broad St.



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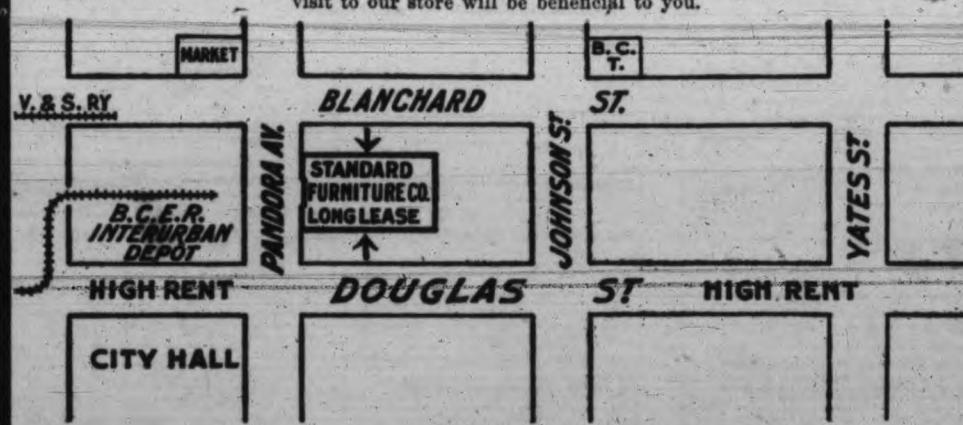
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Commences Our January Sale—Full of Smashing Low Prices on Present Wanted Apparel. See Our Win-

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Corsets in Odd Lines
Regular \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00..... 98c

Perfect fitting models of heavy coutil, well boned with rustproof boning. All have four hose supports. Styles are medium or high bust, in several figures. Sizes from 19 to 30; but not complete in every style. Regular to \$2.00. While they last..... 98c

**27 Inch Wide
White Flannelette**... 8c

A close weave, soft finish, heavy flannelette; good wearing quality. January Sale price, yard..... 8c

**Boys' Underwear
Three Garments**..... \$1.00

In merino and heavy fleeced garments, in sizes 22 to 32; not all complete, so come early. Regular 50c. While they last, 3 garments..... \$1.00

BARGAINS FOR CHILDREN

Winter Coats..... \$2.85

Flannelette Underskirts, ages to 14, for..... 39c

Heavy Knit Underwear, ages to 14, at..... 25c

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Knit Sweater Coats, regular \$1.65, for..... \$1.18

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Men's Heavy Undervests, regular to \$1.00, for..... 65c

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Boys' Everyday Shirts, regular to 75c, for..... 45c

Ladies' Lawn Blouses, regular to \$2.50, for..... 98c

Ladies' Flannelette Night Gowns for..... 59c

Ladies' Cashmere Hose, all sizes, 3 pair for..... \$1.90

Big Bed Comforters, regular \$1.50, for..... \$1.19

Watch for Ad. To-morrow Night

Childs' Underwear 25c

For ages to 14, in heavy ribbed.
Vests and Drawers. While they last..... 25c

**To the Electors of the City of
Victoria**

For Alderman

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I beg leave to announce that I will be a candidate for re-election as alderman at the forthcoming election. I respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

Yours respectfully,
W. F. FULLERTON

For Alderman

Vote For

GEORGE BELL

1010 Linden Avenue.

For Alderman

To the Ratepayers of Victoria

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As I am above military age and cannot go to the front, I beg you will let me serve you here.

W. E. HOME

Yours respectfully,

JAMES BELL

1144 Johnson Street.

**To the Electors of the City of
Victoria**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Following a request by a number of ratepayers, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming elections.

Your vote and influence solicited.

Respectfully yours,

W. G. CAMERON

1182 McClure St.

Yours very respectfully,

W. J. SARGENT

152 Gorge Road.

To the Electors of the City of
Victoria

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for alderman at the forthcoming election and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

Sincerely yours,

CHRISTIAN SIVERTZ

140 Medina St.

**To the Electors of the City of
Victoria**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg leave to announce that I will be a candidate for the position of alderman at the forthcoming election. I respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

Yours respectfully,

DAVID MCINTOSH

76 Moss Street.

Candidate for Alderman

The vote and influence of every Victoria elector who desires a business administration of civic affairs and retrenchment with efficiency in civic expenditures during 1916 is respectfully solicited.

Yours truly,

HUGH MACDONALD

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COULD GET ORDER TO BUILD BIG SHIP

Vancouver Received Query as to What It Could Do in Building Boats

Vancouver, Jan. 11.—That a well-fitted, equipped and manned shipbuilding yard can get orders from Europe for cargo steamers is proved by a cable inquiry which reached Vancouver to-day from Europe, asking a well-known and established local shipbuilding concern what it could do in the way of building a 5,000-ton steamer.

The principals of the inquiring company were here ten weeks ago and went over the plant in question, and upon their return to Europe they reported favorably upon the prospect of building modern, steel tramp steamers here. They want a 5,000-ton steel steamer.

The inquiry shows that Vancouver is getting a place on the shipbuilding map and that, with Europe choked up with orders, there is opportunity for building to be done here.

BUILDING NEW SCHOONER TO INVADE THE ARCTIC

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 11.—Construction of a \$65,000 power schooner of 310 tons for Capt. Louis L. Lane will begin at the yards of E. W. Heath in two weeks. Under the contract awarded by Lane to the Heath yards, the vessel is to be ready for service May 15, when Lane will sail out of Seattle on his annual invasion of the Arctic waters.

Capt. Lane was the owner of the Polar Bear, a 55-ton power schooner which won a lasting place in Arctic history last summer when her master and owner voyaged to Baffin Island and there rescued explorer Stefansson. Lane sold the Polar Bear to Stefansson and then made his way back to Alaska.

The new vessel will have a length of 140 feet over all, a beam of 32.5 feet and a molded depth of 13 feet.

Captain Lane is regarded in Arctic circles as probably the Far North's most intrepid master. He is known as "the man that always comes back." A number of times his friends have feared the worst, yet felt down in their hearts that in some way he would fight his way back to safety. He has never disappointed them. In ability to survive shipwreck and peril in the Arctic, Lane and Stefansson are two of a kind.

The new vessel will be by far the largest ever taken into the Arctic by Captain Lane.

SCANDINAVIAN ARRIVES.

The Allan liner Scandinavian arrived at St. John, N. B., yesterday morning at 9 o'clock from Liverpool.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Niagara	Rolls	7,990	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 13
Tamba Maru	Nagashio	3,290	G. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 13
Canada Maru	R. P. Rithet	3,890	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Jan. 16
Crown of Seville	Halford	4,290	Guthrie	Liverpool	Jan. 20
Maloca	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	Feb. 10
Empress of Japan	Davison	3,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Feb. 23

DEEP SEA DEPARTURES

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	To	Due
Aki Maru	Noma	4,100	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Jan. 11
Montague	Halley	3,900	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 11
Niagara	Rolls	7,990	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 18
Canada Maru	Surega	3,890	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Jan. 21

COASTWISE SERVICES

For Vancouver
Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 1:30 p.m. and steamer Princess Mary daily at 11:45 p.m.

From Vancouver
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 8 p.m., and steamer Princess Alice at 9:30 a.m.

For Seattle
Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4:30 p.m.

From Seattle
Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p.m.

For Port Angeles
Boat Due leaves daily except Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

From Port Angeles
Boat Due arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a.m.

For San Francisco
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Friday at 5 p.m.

From San Francisco
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Monday at 1 p.m.

For Comox
Steamer Charter leaves every Tuesday

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE GETS GREAT WELCOME

Java-Pacific Has Full Cargoes for First Four Boats Sailing From 'Frisco

COAST FROM HERE TO RUPERT IS SNOW CLAD

Heavy Snows Have Fallen at Northern Ports; Prince George in and Out

VERY HEAVY WEATHER IS BOTHERING TAMBA

Nippon Liner Will Arrive on Friday, One Day Late; Aki Maru is Leaving To-day

MANY IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE IN HARBOR

Inner Harbor Association Submits Interesting Annual Report at Meeting To-day

TRANSPORTATION

ENGLAND

Travel via Canadian Pacific in connection with following steamships:
S. S. ADRIATIC, from New York Jan. 13
S. S. ORDUNA, from New York Jan. 15
S. S. SCANDINAVIAN, from St. John Jan. 15
S. S. NEW AMSTERDAM, from New York Jan. 18
S. S. FINLAND, from New York Jan. 19
S. S. TUSCANIA, from New York Jan. 22
S. S. NEW YORK, from New York Jan. 29
S. S. PRETONA, from St. John Jan. 29
 For steamship and sleeper reservation, write, phone or call on
L. D. CETHAM 1102 Government Street
 General Agent All Atlantic Steamships

ATLANTIC SAILINGS TO ENGLAND

In connection with Northern Pacific Railway.
S. S. Finland, 12,185 tons, from New York Jan. 19
S. S. St. Paul, 12,000 tons, from New York Jan. 22
S. S. Tuscania, 14,500 tons, from New York Jan. 22
S. S. New York, 11,000 tons, from New York Jan. 29
S. S. California, 12,000 tons, from New York Jan. 29

LETTERS OF IDENTIFICATION, SERVING AS PASSPORTS, ARRANGED WITHOUT COST, FOR ALL BRITISH SUBJECTS GOING TO GREAT BRITAIN

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General Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, 1234 Government Street, Phone 452-19.

UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM
 Assured Travelers who use the
New Through Service of the
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Comfort & Safety
 The northern side of the channel, between Songhees Point and Pelly Island, and eastward to Behrens' Island, is gradually being straightened, in accordance with our original scheme. The southern side of Pelly Island, and the immense mass of rock contiguous, is gradually being removed, and by the end of March will be fairly straightened out to line, widening the channel about 120 feet. The removal of Songhees Rock (west of Songhees Point at the eastern approach to the northwest passage) will shortly be undertaken, and a commencement of the removal of the material (mostly packed clay) forming the bottom of the proposed northwest passage will be made, giving a navigable channel 300 feet wide, free from rock. This work, we are informed, will be proceeded with during the intervals when the dredges are not engaged in the removal of the rock broken up by the drilling plant. The work to the north of Pelly Island may be looked upon as preliminary to the eventual removal of the whole of the rock in that locality.

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A light list of passengers is coming on the big fly. Her cargo amounts to about 4,000 tons of which a small portion will be discharged at this port.

To the southeast of Songhees Point the rocks have been cut back to 16 and 20 feet at low water. It is proposed to remove the remainder of the triangle to the railway bridge as the work proceeds inwards. All movable material has been dredged from the eastern side of this triangle and the channel, as far as the railway bridge, has been widened about 150 feet.

"The general trend of the work of improvement in the inner harbor has been the gradual removal of all impediments to navigation south of a line drawn westward from Songhees Point to Pelly Island, produced westward towards Behrens' Island, as laid down on our original plan and this system has been steadily pursued.

"The rock blasted by the drilling plant, or broken up by the Lombitz, is immediately removed by one of the dredges in close attendance upon these machines, and the bottom kept clear, as far as circumstances permit.

"The total amount of rock, clay, gravel and sand removed from the bottom of the harbor during the year 1915 has been approximately 420,000 cubic yards, of which total about 36,000 yards were rock blasted out by the drilling plant or broken up by the Lombitz rock-breaker. The total outlay on these works during the year has been about \$20,000.

Day Steamer to Seattle
H. L. HUDSON, 716 Second Avenue, District Freight & Pass. Agent, Seattle, Wash.

The Union Steamship Company

Sailings from Vancouver for PRINCE RUPERT, GRANBY BAY, SKEENA and NAAS RIVER, S. S. "VENTURE" every Friday at 9 a.m.

RIVERS INLET, BELLA COOLA, PRINCE RUPERT, GRANBY BAY, STEWART and QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS, S. S. "CAMOSUN" fortnightly, Jan. 4 and 18.

GEO. MCGREGOR, Agent, 1003 Government St., Phone 1325.

HUGE AMOUNT OF SILK HAULED INTO CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 11.—More than \$30,000,000 worth of silk has been shipped from Tacoma and Seattle to Chicago during the last few months, according to an estimate to-day by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad.

With this announcement came one that cars have been ordered to transport to Chicago another cargo valued at \$3,000,000, which is due to arrive at Tacoma from the Orient next Tuesday.

E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent, 234 Government St., Phone 62.

DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Sealing Co. was held yesterday afternoon in the board of trade room. The 1915 board of directors was re-elected. The directors are as follows: R. E. Seabrook, president; J. Boscombe, vice-president; Capt. W. Grant, managing director; C. S. Bakem, S. Lester, T. W. Peterson, and F. W. Adams, secretary-treasurer.

CEASED TO HOLD OFFICE.

The last issue of the Canada Gazette announces that Alexander Lucas, who was appointed a fishery overseer in British Columbia for the Alert Bay district on March 11, 1915, has from November 20, 1915, ceased to hold such office.

Call for the grandest of all human sentiments, what is that? It is that man should forget his anger before he lies down to sleep.—Thomas de Quincey.

Figures compiled by the Austro-Hungarian and German consulates in New York show that 550,000 residents of their countries who registered themselves for services are unable to obtain transportation.

Leaves C. P. R. wharf daily except Sunday at 11:30 a.m. for Port Angeles. Arrives Seattle, 2:30 p.m. Returning leaves Seattle daily except Saturday at midnight, arriving Victoria 9:00 a.m.

Secure information and tickets from E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent, 234 Government St., Phone 62.

Through Steamers to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego

Leaves Victoria Fridays 5 p.m. to San Francisco, 10 a.m. to Los Angeles, 11 a.m. to San Diego.

Leaves Seattle Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to San Francisco, 12:30 p.m. to Los Angeles, 1:30 p.m. to San Diego.

To Alaska

S. S. City of Spokane leaves Seattle Jan. 15.

Calling at Prince Rupert, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Juneau, Skagway.

R. L. OSBORNE, 1003 Government St., 1117 Wharf St.

Don't Forget—

Every precious hour that is wasted may see your very size and style of garment disappear. Don't delay—this great

Live Wire Sale

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NOTE THESE SAMPLE SNAPS.

OVERCOATS

Handsome new tweed Overcoats in snappy styles and dandy shades. Special \$15.75 and \$18.75

SHIRTS

In desirable pin stripes, with either stiff or soft collars. Special \$1.25

UNDERWEAR

Fine quality Wool Underwear. Reg. at \$1.50 per garment. Live Wire Sale \$1.00

NIGHTSHIRTS

Excellent quality Flannelette. Reg. at \$2.00 each. Live Wire Sale \$1.15

PYJAMAS

In French Flannel, Flannelette and Soisette. Reg. \$3.00 suit. Live Wire Sale \$1.85

FELT HATS

In fine shades of grey and green. Regular at \$2.50. Live Wire Sale \$1.25

BETTER BARGAINS, AND MORE OF THEM, THAN EVER BEFORE

O'CONNELL'S LTD.

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"You'll Like Our Clothes"—Regd.

ROAMER WAS CHAMPION THOROUGHBRED OF 1915

Racing Regained All Its Old Popularity During Past Year

Thoroughbred racing bounded back into popular favor in 1915, and devotees of the turf in New York state enjoyed the best sport offered under the jurisdiction of the Jockey club since the anti-gambling law was enacted. Many performances which gave evidence that in speed and staying powers the present crop of racers is returning to the high standard of the halcyon days of the sport characterized the year's turf doings.

To Andrew Miller's four-year-old gelding Roamer, by Knight Errant—Tote Tree II., gives the honor of being champion of all divisions. He lived up to the sensational record he established as a three-year-old, and by consistently defeating the best of the handicap class this year he dispelled any doubt as to which is the best stake horse in the United States. His failure to win the Brooklyn handicap was a big disappointment to his many admirers, but they had the satisfaction of seeing their idol, under an impost of 125 pounds, force the winner, R. T. Wilson Jr.'s, five-year-old Tartar, carrying 103 pounds, to send the mile and a furlong record down to 1.50 3-5.

The fastest mile of the year was credited to the aged Sam Jackson, by Garry Herman—Ravello II. Sam Jackson on July 31, at Aqueduct, ran a mile, one turn, in 1.56 1-5.

Henry Payne Whitney's filly, Regret, by Broomstick—Jersey Lightning, has none to dispute her position as the best in the three-year-old class. Undefeated as a two-year-old, she kept her record clear in 1915. Her victory in the Kentucky Derby, in which several of the fleetest colts in the country trailed her, and her easy win in the Saranac handicap at Saratoga, were convincing

BENNY ERB IS IN THE CITY FROM CALIFORNIA

Benny Erb, very well known in local Rugby circles and former captain of the Stanford University Rugby team, is in the city renewing old acquaintances. Most of Benny's former team mates are now at the front. He is en route from San Francisco to Juneau, Alaska, where he will take charge of some mining development work.

Erb first got his start on the Rugby fields playing on the local public school teams. He later played with Victoria. For a number of years he captained the Stanford University fifteen. Rugby in California is gradually losing its footing, and it has been moved that the Stanford University drop the game and adopt the American game.

MONTRAL A. A. WON.

New York, Jan. 11.—The Montreal A. A. hockey team defeated the St. Nicholas team of New York here last night by a score of 3 to 1. The visitors led at the end of the first period 2 to 0.

H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints. \$1.00 per dozen.

CARNEGIE'S SWEDISH PORTER

Contains the life-sustaining properties of pure malt and hops. Taken with the mid-day and evening meal, it constitutes a real aid to digestion.

Creates energy and vim, and is especially helpful in combating body and nerve depression.

Is without a rival in flavor and palatability; an ideal beverage for family use.

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SPORTING NEWS

WINNER OF TO-NIGHT'S HOCKEY

GAME WILL BE TIED WITH METS

Both Teams Are Confident of Victory; Lester Patrick Will Take His Place on Local Defense

Victoria has a great opportunity to stride upward in the Coast Hockey league standing to-night when they oppose Vancouver on the latter's ice, but there is also a chance of the team slipping a notch and anchoring in the cellar position. A win to-night will put Victoria on an even standing with Seattle for second place, but defeat would give them undisputed possession of the cellar.

Despite the delayed rally of the Milionaires in the race, they are now figured to be one of the most dangerous teams to contend with for the championship. To-night will be the third meeting of the team, their former clashes resulting in decisive victories for the locals. Lester Patrick has almost recovered from his recent injury, and will take his place on the local defence. Jimmy Riley, who startled the fans by his unexpected ability in the game against Portland, will play rover, and Kenny Mallen will play centre ice in place of George Box.

Victoria's lineup has not yet been decided upon. Mickey Mackay is back in the fold, but it is not likely that he will be used to-night. Frank Patrick is confident that he will not require the services of this aggressive centre to beat the crippled Victoria team. He will use Barney Stanley in centre.

The delayed rally of the champions and their double defeat of Seattle has re-established them in the favor of the Vancouver public, who are turning out in greater numbers than to the earlier games.

The local team left on the 2.30 boat

this afternoon, brimming over with confidence.

The teams:—
Victoria. McCulloch goal. Vancouver. Genge point. F. Patrick L. Patrick cover point. Griffis Riley rover. Taylor Kerr left wing. Cook Mallen centre. Stanley Duncan right wing. McDonald N. H. A. Plays New Rule.

(From an Eastern Exchange.)

It would not be surprising if a new penalty system went into operation in the National Hockey association soon, if not before the close of the present race, then before the teams take the ice next season.

President Quinn is authority for this statement. The N. H. A. head has under consideration a plan whereby the teams will be made to suffer for glaring or deliberate fouls on the part of their players. The stick-throwing offense is that particularly aimed at by President Quinn, and to do away with this, he would have the offender penalized for ten minutes, during which time his team would be required to play a man short. He is also in favor of having this apply in the case of more serious fouls, leaving it to the discretion of the referee as to whether the offending player should or should not be replaced.

A new draft of the penalty rules is now being made, embodying these changes, and it is likely that the N. H. A. will be asked to consider these changes at their next meeting.

The present penalty system of the National Hockey association is pretty much of a farce. A player can go out, "get" another, and is replaced while serving his penalty. If he is fined, the club, or some enthusiastic supporter, makes good the amount. Some drastic change is necessary, and the man-short plan proposed by President Quinn looks like a good solution.

The present penalty system of the Senior league:

Jan. 12—Belmont vs. Metropolitan A. Jan. 12—Congregational vs. Presbyterian.

Jan. 13—Fairfield vs. Knox.

Jan. 15—Belmont vs. Metropolitan B.

Jan. 19—Presbyterian vs. Fairfield.

Jan. 28—Metropolitan A. vs. Congregational.

Jan. 22—Knox vs. Metropolitan B.

Jan. 22—Belmont vs. Congregational.

Jan. 26—Presbyterian vs. Knox.

Jan. 29—Belmont vs. Presbyterian.

Feb. 2—Congregational vs. Knox.

Feb. 2—Belmont vs. Fairfield.

Feb. 5—Congregational vs. Metropolitan B.

Feb. 5—Metropolitan A. vs. Knox.

Feb. 9—Belmont vs. Knox.

Feb. 9—Metropolitan A. vs. Presbyterian.

Feb. 12—Congregational vs. Fairfield.

Feb. 12—Presbyterian vs. Metropolitan B.

Feb. 16—Metropolitan A. vs. Metropolitan B.

Feb. 16—Fairfield vs. Knox.

Feb. 19—Belmont vs. Metropolitan A.

Feb. 19—Congregational vs. Presbyterian.

Feb. 22—Metropolitan A. vs. Fairfield.

Feb. 23—Belmont vs. Metropolitan B.

Feb. 26—Metropolitan A. vs. Congregational.

Feb. 26—Presbyterian vs. Fairfield.

March 1—Belmont vs. Congregational.

March 1—Knox vs. Metropolitan B.

March 4—Presbyterian vs. Knox.

March 4—Fairfield vs. Metropolitan B.

March 8—Belmont vs. Presbyterian.

March 8—Metropolitan A. vs. Metropolitan B.

March 11—Belmont vs. Fairfield.

March 11—Congregational vs. Knox.

March 15—Congregational vs. Fairfield.

March 15—Presbyterian vs. Metropolitan B.

March 18—Metropolitan A. vs. Presbyterian.

March 18—Belmont vs. Knox.

March 22—Congregational vs. Metropolitan B.

March 22—Metropolitan A. vs. Knox.

Intermediate Schedule.

Jan. 19—Metropolitan vs. Congregational.

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FINES LEVIED ON CHINESE QUASHED

Finding of Lottery Tickets Does Not Constitute Place a Gaming House

By the decision of Judge Lampman given this morning in the appeal of 32 Chinese who were arrested and convicted of being inmates of a gambling house at No. 1 Fan Tan Alley, Chinatown, the fines of \$10. each levied against the men by the police magistrate must be returned. His honor allowed the appeal and quashed the conviction.

There were 89 other Chinese who did not pay fines, but went to jail and served the one month imprisonment ordered by the magistrate in default of payment of the fine. These men did not appear this morning as they were released from the jail last week at the end of their term. In the same raid by the police there were also three who forfeited their bail, and one Hindu who paid his fine. He did not enter an appeal. The 32 Chinese who paid the fines did so under protest pending the appeal.

His honor's judgment this morning in effect was that the finding of lottery tickets under an order for search does not in itself constitute the place in which the implements are found a common gaming house.

His honor was asked to rule on another point, that of the service of the order for search at night. He held that

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DIED

ETHERIDGE—On the 9th inst., at his home, Wilkinson Road, Ernest Lewis Etheridge, aged 61 years, born in Suffolk, England, a resident of this district for the past 23 years. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, his son, four daughters, and son-in-law, two brothers, and two sisters in the East.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 10 o'clock, from his late residence, 407 Esquimalt street, to be held at St. Michael's church, where interment will be made. The remains will repose at the Sands Funeral Chapel until Wednesday morning.

TICKET IS ADOPTED FOR CIVIC ELECTION

Retrenchment Association Announces Intentions; Other Candidates for Office

The Civic Retrenchment association, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, adopted the following ticket for the municipal election: For council: Aldermen Dilworth, Porter, Sargent and Todd; ex-Aldermen Beard, Cameron and Peden; Candidates Albion Johns, H. H. Jones and Walter Walker. For the school board: Dr. Lewis Hall, C. H. Deaville, T. J. Thompson and J. G. Hay.

Offices have been opened on behalf of the association at the corner of Pandora avenue and Broad street, when Sir John Fisher recalled the fleet.

manic candidate, was born in New Westminster. He was educated at the old collegiate school here. For thirteen years he farmed at Galiano Island, and then at the time of the Klondyke rush, proceeded to the Yukon, where he mined for a considerable time. Later he travelled extensively in the eastern states. On returning to Victoria he acted for a time as managing director of the Shore Hardware company, as representative of the eastern bondholders.

Dr. W. E. Home, who also is running for alderman, is very well known in Victoria, after a residence here which dates back in its beginnings to 1902. He is particularly well known among the medical fraternity of the city, as since 1912 he has occupied the position of pathologist at the Royal Jubilee hospital, a post to which he was appointed on the day of his arrival in the city, and which he has held ever since. Some years previously, however, he was medical officer in connection with the North Pacific Squadron, and had the duty of closing up the Naval hospital at Esquimalt when Sir John Fisher recalled the fleet.

The candidate for aldermanic honors was born in Dublin. He lived much of his life, however, in Edinburgh. For three out of six years of his early schooling in England he was at Rugby, later proceeding to Edinburgh, where he attended the university for seven years, taking science and medical degrees. After his university training he entered the navy, being on his majesty's ships in the Mediterranean, China, East Africa, the Cape of Good Hope, and, his last appointment afloat, with the channel fleet. This was in capacity as senior medical officer under Rear Admiral Sir Arthur Wilson, with 28,000 men on the ships in his charge.

Dr. Home holds the East African medal and the China medal. He came out to Halifax in 1883 as medical officer on the ship in the North Atlantic station on which Prince George and Prince Albert Victor were then midshipmen.

J. G. Hay, who is in the field for school trustee, is associated with the Fashion horse-shoeing shop, Pandora avenue. He is a native of Paisley, Ontario, and has been in B. C. for 27 years. He states that he believes a further reduction can be made in the appropriations for education.

The Civic Retrenchment committee has summoned the school-board to appear before them, which summons the Local Council of Women did not consider had any right to be obeyed. The council expressed itself as strongly objecting to any further reduction of the school estimates, believing that it meant inefficiency, which, in this time, would be more disastrous than at any other.

The following resolution was drawn up and endorsed by the meeting:

"Whereas this Local Council of Women has heard with dismay that a move has been made further to reduce the school estimates for the coming year, whereby such valuable subjects as domestic science, manual training, medical inspection of schools, etc., would be dispensed with, and whereas any such curtailment would inevitably lead to inadequacy on the part of both teachers and scholars and be detrimental to the interests of Victoria as an educational centre.

"Therefore be it resolved that this Local Council of Women places on record its disapproval of any such reduction being made, and pledges its support to those who desire to maintain the public schools of Victoria in their usual high state of efficiency."

Mrs. Hutchinson's platform was endorsed, as also that of Messrs. Watson and Davidson, who held similar views, and a committee formed to aid in securing Mrs. Hutchinson's election: Messdames Watson, Henderson, Power, Ramer, Manson, Burns, and Cancellor.

Mrs. S. J. Thompson spoke warmly in favor of the establishment of a club where soldiers might spend a social evening down-town without restrictions against smoking. Messdames Thompson, Kennedy, and Cancellor were appointed a committee to take

charge of the matter.

Mrs. Power stated that women and girls appearing in the police court as prisoners or witnesses were often obliged to be without the support of any person of their own sex, and to submit to very disagreeable cross-examination, especially when a case was conducted before a closed court.

This was discussed by the council, who considered it an undesirable state of affairs, irrespective of the characters of such women or girls. A committee was appointed to take this up: Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Kennedy, and Miss Crease.

J. I. SEABROOK

alderman, is very well known here. He came to British Columbia in 1879, and for many years was in business as contractor. Among his contracts were the stone work of the Metropolitan church, and the provincial jail. He built the first trunk sewer in Victoria in 1889. He specialized on sewer construction, and installed systems at Fernie and Nelson. He has undertaken contracts of a similar character at Ladysmith, in Oak Bay and Esquimalt. His view on the labor question is that the work upon

judgment was handed down this morning in the county court by Judge Lampman in Publisher's association against Bridgeman, his honor finding for the defendant, and without going into the question as to whether the tools sold by the plaintiff were tool and executed by hand as agreed in the contract between the parties.

The plaintiff, a company with headquarters in Eastern Canada sold to the defendant 14 volumes of Canada and provinces for \$23. The evidence at the trial was that one De Van, a director and vice-president of the company had called on Mr. Bridgeman and asked him to buy the set. The defendant said Mr. De Van had offered in October 1913 that if the books were bought by Mr. Bridgeman it would be a very fine thing for him, as the company would later take them off his hands at \$25 per volume.

His honor says in respect to this part of the case that he has no hesitation in accepting the statement of Mr. Bridgeman. Mr. De Van had been indefinite when in the witness box as to what he did say at that interview.

Mr. Bridgeman said Mr. De Van had agreed it should be put in writing by the company, and on this agreement Mr. Bridgeman had signed a contract.

On Oct. 13 Mr. Bridgeman had received a copy of the contract, and shortly after had received some of the books.

He did not open the box, but on December 1 I wrote to the company asking

for the written undertaking Mr. De Van had made to sell the books at \$25 per volume. The undertaking was not sent, and Mr. Bridgeman had refused to pay.

His honor continues that there was no room for doubt that Mr. Bridgeman never would have consented to sign the agreement to take the books had he not been given the verbal undertaking.

He says he did not want them, but as it was a proposition whereby he could not lose, he consented to take them.

Mr. Bridgeman had done nothing to waive the condition, and when the bill came he wrote the letter of December 1 and then went to England. He was not called upon to do anything more, concludes his honor, and dismisses the action.

A note is added that "in the view I have taken it is unnecessary for the plaintiff to adduce evidence to rebut the statement of the defendant that the books were not tool and executed by hand."

OBITUARY RECORD

The death took place on Saturday of Mrs. Janet Park Wilson Douglas, relict of the late Robert Douglas. The deceased lady, who was 74 years of age and a native of Glasgow, Scotland, had lived in Victoria for two and a half years. Two sons, R. W. Douglas and R. F. Douglas, survive, beside three daughters, one of whom is Mrs. John Clarke of this city. The funeral took place to-day.

The funeral of Ah Jack took place on Saturday afternoon from the Thompson funeral chapel, Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott, assisted by Rev. K. Quong, conducting the services. The pall-bearers were members of the Chinese Y. M. C. A.

which the best wages are paid always result in the greatest success to the owners and the contractor. Having employed many men in his career, he believes in giving good pay.

J. Ivan Seabrook, who is an alder-

COUNCIL OF WOMEN DISCUSS SCHOOLS

Resolution Objects to Retrenchment in School Estimates for Year

At the January meeting of the Local Council of Women held yesterday afternoon there was a full attendance of members and much business was transacted. All preparations were made for the annual meeting of this body to be held in the Alexandra ballroom on Wednesday and Thursday, February 9 and 10, morning sessions to begin at 10 o'clock.

The following committees were appointed:

Printing, Mrs. H. E. Graves; floor committee (to include seating and reception of visitors), Messdames R. S. Day, H. C. Hanington, and Cancellor; decoration, Mrs. Hamilton Burns.

An amendment to the resolution asking the Dominion government to establish universal military training of boys along lines similar to that adopted by Australia was sent in by the Lady Douglas chapter, I. O. D. E., asking that the provincial government be approached in this case, as the Dominion had no authority over educational matters in provinces. This amendment, on motion of Mrs. Day, seconded by Mrs. Hanington, was passed on the agenda for the annual meeting.

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OVERSEAS DRAFT IN OLD DRILL HALL

Brigade Field Artillery Ammunition Column Gradually Nearing Completion

The Brigade Field Artillery Ammunition Column, Capt. Birch, O. C., which is authorized to make ready for overseas service at the earliest possible opportunity, is rapidly nearing completion.

The establishment when complete will number about one hundred and fifty men. Capt. Birch has already attended sixty-eight. The gunners have all been supplied by the 5th C. G. A. Lieut.-Col. Angus, O. C. In addition to this, however, the establishment calls for ninety-six skilled drivers.

As the draft is to go from British Columbia, Capt. Birch will leave to-morrow for the mainland to select from the 120 and odd men whose names he has listed there sufficient men to complete the establishment. He will go first to New Westminster and afterwards will visit Kamloops.

Equipment was issued yesterday, the men now having settled in their temporary quarters, which they will occupy at the old drill hall until their departure. As fast as the new men are attested they, too, will be supplied in view of the selection of this overseas draft. The 5th C. G. A. is again recruiting up to strength. Since the beginning of the war it has sent away 500 on overseas service. It is a splendid testimony to the popularity both of officers and of the regiment, that they have never had to canvas for recruits. There is little doubt that the

Civic Refreshment Assn.

The Executive of the Civic Refreshment association, after careful consideration, recommend to the taxpayers the following gentlemen for seats on the aldermanic and school boards:

FOR ALDERMEN

BEARD, Robert.
CAMERON, William George.
DILWORTH, John.

JOHNS, Albion.
JONES, Henry Humphrey.
PEDEN, Alexander.

PORTER, Robert John.
SARGENT, W. J.
TODD, Albert Edward.
WALKER, Walter.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

DEAVILLE, Clarence Bailey.
Hall, Lewis.
HAY, James Gibson.
THOMPSON, Thomas John.

For Councillor

To the Electors of the Township of Esquimalt.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for councillor in No. One Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

Yours Respectfully,

H. MCANDLESS
144 Lampson Street.

For Councillor

Having been requested by a large number of rate-payers in Ward Two, South Saanich, to run for councillor, I beg to offer myself as candidate, having lived in the district for a number of years, and my entire interest being at stake both commercially and otherwise, I shall necessarily act for the common good of the community; will do my best to render an account of my exertions in Ward Two.

Yours respectfully,

W. Carey

SAANICH

To the Electors of Ward Two: Ladies and gentlemen:—Having served six months in the council, I offer myself for re-election. I have been a resident of Ward Two for 25 years and I therefore know the wants of the ward. If elected I shall see that all works are carried out with efficiency and economy.

C. PONTER

TEMPERATURE TWO ABOVE IN SPOKANE

Spokane, Jan. 11.—A temperature of 34 degrees below zero was reported to the weather bureau from Havre, Mont., to-day. The temperatures in Western Washington and Northern Idaho were near zero or below. In Spokane 2° was recorded. Prince Albert, Sask., reported a temperature of -44° below.

Yours respectfully,

W. Carey

LINER LAFAYETTE REACHES NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 11.—The French liner Lafayette, which was threatened with destruction in anonymous messages sent to Henry Clews, Jr., and others who had booked passage from Bremen, arrived here yesterday and reported that neither submarine nor a mine had been sighted during the voyage.

MAY BE 12 ABOVE ZERO IN SEATTLE TO-NIGHT

Seattle, Jan. 11.—The temperature in Seattle at 8 o'clock this morning was 11 degrees above zero, the lowest mark since January, 1899. A minimum temperature of 12° above zero at Seattle is forecasted for to-night. The bright cold weather probably will continue over Wednesday.

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Incorporation Asked for B. C.
Merchant Marine; Victoria
Citizens Have Subscribed

30 or more that they now require to make up their full strength will come in with the usual promptitude. A gunner's training, naturally, takes more time than that of the infantryman, steady work for three or four months being needed for the turning out of a qualified artilleryman.

BEGINS SUIT.

L. J. Camusa is Plaintiff in Action
Against Arthur H. Peatt, William
Christie and Peter McQuade
& Sons, Ltd.

A suit has been begun in the supreme court in which the plaintiff is Leon J. Camusa, and the defendants are Arthur H. Peatt, William Christie and Peter McQuade & Son, Ltd.

The plaintiff's claim is against the defendant, Arthur H. Peatt, for a de-

fault in payment of a minimum paid-up capital of \$45,000.

In the suit it is claimed that the plaintiff has been paid up to date.

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WEILER'S DAILY STORE NEWS

Under the Blankets for Mine

Is the cry these cold nights. You'll be warm as toast and just as comfy as can be if you have an extra pair or two of our beautiful Scotch Wool Blankets, woven from the wool of the long-fleeced sheep of the Cheviot hills. You'll appreciate their lightness, warmth and pleasant touch when you snuggle under our Blankets. Their splendid finish, durability and great warmth will appeal to the particular and careful housewife.

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8 lbs.	\$7.90
9 lbs.	\$8.80
6 lbs., extra quality.	\$7.65
7 lbs., extra quality.	\$8.55
8 lbs., extra quality.	\$10.35
9 lbs., extra quality.	\$11.25



TEA POTS

Beautifully decorated Rockingham Tea Pots, 54¢, 59¢, 68¢ and 78¢
Hot Water Pitchers, white with gold band, and white metal cover, each, 59¢, 68¢ and 78¢

English Brooms and Brushes

Banister Brushes, polished handle, each 27¢
Double Banister Brushes, whisk one side, bristles on the other. Price 90¢
Scrub Brushes, 18¢ to 54¢
White Banister Brushes 54¢
Stove Brushes, 23¢ to 45¢
Wall Brushes, with long handle, 54¢ to 1.58¢
Window Brushes, complete with long handle, 68¢ to 1.35¢
Bath Mops 23¢
Hair Brooms, polished back, complete with handle, each, 58¢ to 2.25¢
Whisk Carpet Brooms, padded at ends, complete with polished handle 1.13¢
Whisk Carpet Brooms, each, 90¢
Clothes Whisks, 23¢ to 36¢
Decanter Brushes, 45¢ and 54¢
Tumbler Brushes 45¢
Turkey Feather Dusters 68¢ to 90¢
Small Fancy Feather Dusters, 23¢ and 27¢

Be Comfortable This Cold Weather

Why lie shivering in bed these cold nights? There's nothing more unpleasant or more unhealthy than cold feet. You'll sleep better if you have a Doulton Foot Warmer. It will keep your feet warm as toast.

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2-quart size, each	\$1.13
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We have just opened up a new shipment of these serviceable Spark Guards in the following sizes:

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36 x 30	\$2.25
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Premium, each	\$2.02
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Beauty, each	\$2.95
Veribest, each	\$3.60
De Luxe, each	\$4.95

A Dainty New Covering

Will increase the beauty and lengthen the life of your shabby eiderdown quilts. Our charge for re-covering is moderate. French sateens in beautiful designs and colorings, suitable for coverings. Cash prices, per yard, 34¢ to 45¢.

FELICITATE EACH OTHER ON RECORD

Valedictory of City Council
Last Evening Purchasing
Agent States Position

The city council sat very late last evening, spending a considerable time in mutual admiration of each other's efforts at the council board, and in giving assurances that the electors would suffer irreparable loss should they not severally and jointly be returned on Thursday. Naturally the re-election of the mayor by acclamation, and the pending retirement of Alderman McCandless and Okell was the subject of reference. Alderman McCandless thanking the members for their good offices. In doing so he spoke appreciatively of the work of the library staff since he had been chairman of the commissioners. Alderman Okell was not present.

The services of the officials and the press were also fittingly remembered. After this valedictory the council got down to business and closed the estimates for the year.

The matter of the engineering department salaries was left over for a committee to consider the question when the new council has been sworn in.

Alderman Porter seized the opportunity to answer critics at this election with regard to engineering administration expenses, stating that the cost of all classes of the staff had been \$155,867 in 1912, \$73,215 in 1913, \$64,573 in 1914, and \$36,182 in 1915. The estimates for 1916 would show a material reduction.

The council then sent on the estimates to its successors, framed on the basis of a cut of \$235,000, so Alderman Todd stated, on those before them in December.

The following letter from the city purchasing agent, William Galt, was also sent on to the next year's council for incorporation in the estimates:

"I beg respectfully to call your attention to the following statement, which, I trust, will be duly considered by you when discussing the estimates for the year 1916. I am compelled to do this at the present time because of the fact that I am placed on half time at half salary for the current year, and I shall endeavor to show that an injustice will be done to me and a blow dealt to the efficiency of my department should you make that recommendation to the incoming council. Nearly every other head of a department has a committee who are more or less cognizant of the work done in that department through frequent meetings with him, but in my case no such committee exists, and I therefore feel that in taking such drastic action as putting me on half time the aldermen will be acting without a proper knowledge of the work done in my department.

"It appears to me that the aldermen in considering my case look upon me as the city purchasing agent and nothing else; in fact some have even told me so, but I desire to draw your attention to the fact that I am the city storekeeper, appointed as such in April, 1910, and as such am in charge of stores, which our latest stock-taking, just completed, shows the cost value to be over \$63,000, all of which are issued on requisition to the various departments at cost price, as instructed at the time of my appointment. To receive these goods and issue them out I have one assistant, and I challenge any alderman to name any mercantile establishment in this city, carrying such a varied stock of the value of \$63,000 that employs only two men to look after it, and one of these on half time. But the handling of these goods is only part of the work entailed on my assistant and myself, as there is a great deal of clerical work to be done, not the least of which is the checking of all the invoices, prices, extensions and additions, for goods from stock as well as goods of all kinds purchased from merchants amounting to some thousands of dollars per month, even during these bad times. To enter into detail as to the other work would take up too much space in this letter, but I would invite the aldermen to come into my office and examine for themselves what is being done there."

"I can truthfully say that since my appointment as city storekeeper in 1910, and as purchasing agent in addition in 1912, I have served the city honestly and faithfully, and have been the means of saving thousands of dollars to the corporation, the following being a striking instance: Shortly after my appointment as purchasing agent I suggested to Mayor Morley that an effort should be made to get a lower price for castings, and with his approval I called on the foundrymen in the mainland cities and induced them to put in tenders for the city work for the ensuing year. As a result the contract for 1913 was awarded to a New Westminster firm for less than half what we had paid the local foundries in previous years, and I am glad to say this low price has been maintained ever since.

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VICTORIA, B. C.

In that year we bought from the New Westminster firm castings to the value of over \$8,000, which, if there had been no competition from outside cities, would probably have cost the city twice that amount. Being aware of this competition the local foundries reduced their prices to meet it, and the city has accordingly benefited to the extent of several thousands of dollars since then.

In conclusion permit me to say that whereas less than a year ago the staff of this department consisted of two clerks, my assistant and myself, besides a teamster with horse and wagon, there is now left only my assistant and myself, a reduction that in my humble opinion, with both of us on full time, is no more than sufficient for the work to be done."

CLAIMS CITY'S CASE HAS BEEN SUSTAINED

Alderman McNeill Reviews the Findings of Council of Public Instruction

A studied statement on behalf of the city in the High school tuition fees controversy was made last evening by Alderman McNeill, chairman of the finance committee, in city council. This statement was made in commenting on the finding of the council of public instruction on the city's appeal against the ruling of the department of education, and on a return from the comptroller showing what sums under the order ought to be paid up to June 30, 1913, \$155,867 in 1912, \$73,215 in 1913, \$64,573 in 1914, and \$36,182 in 1915.

While matters of newspaper information in this long drawn out controversy were naturally reviewed, one or two items of novelty were explained. The definite statement was made that the original charge of \$123 per pupil was sent out on the advice of the late city solicitor, who advised that interest and sinking fund must be charged, in other words that the bill must be legally drawn. If the amount was to be reduced, that should be done by arrangement between the city and the district municipalities, the alderman added.

That was the spirit in which the bill was drafted. Then came the conferences at which the city submitted alternative offers with a view to a basis of settlement. Oak Bay and Esquimalt had approved of the amended offer, but Saanich, instead of accepting the adjournment with the object of reaching a settlement, had appealed to the council of public instruction in the meantime.

A conference was held at which the then minister of education, and the superintendent of education met the representatives of the city and Saanich. Later came a ruling from the department of education which had not been very satisfactory in its award, because it did not discriminate between Saanich residents, and residents of Saanich owning city property. The whole appeal had been made, not in a spirit of antagonism, but to settle the matter for the future. The members of the council, he said, had not been satisfied with the letter of the superintendent of education, and appealed further to the attorney-general, and now came the considered judgment of the council of public instruction. The judgment practically gives substantially the claim that was made by the finance committee that Saanich should pay the cost of educating its children in the High school, the whole of the cost of tuition for children whose parents own property in the city limits or not. We have been sustained in our contention. I am very glad the matter is now settled," Alderman McNeill concluded.

Alderman Sargent sounded a note of criticism contending that the finance committee had exceeded its instructions in sending out the bill without further approval of the council. Had that course not been adopted, the results would have been different, and the creation of district high schools would have been avoided. When Saanich council found that the city, after attempting to collect \$123 had come down to \$50, was not surprised that the council had tried to get better terms. The discrepancy was too great. "You have created," he said, "a divided condition, and opposition schools. It is somewhat regrettable that the blame should be laid on the former city solicitor, who is now out of the province."

Alderman McNeill rose to a point of order: "I made no such slur," he said, "on Mr. Robertson."

Alderman Porter supported Alderman McNeill. As a Saanich ratepayer himself he thought the city should not be burdened with the cost of outside pupils. He believed that Oak Bay was so impressed with the city's offer that at the earliest available opportunity the board would return to the city's High school all its High school pupils.

The mayor said the finding of the council of public instruction was a justification of the city's case.

On the suggestion of Alderman Bell instructions were given to watch any effort to amend the Schools act in the interests of Saanich.

The amounts to be paid by the three municipalities, under the award, are \$1007 by Oak Bay, \$1054 by Saanich, and \$323 by Esquimalt.

BANTAM BATTALION

Sum of \$7,000 is Voted for the Purchase of Materials for Building to Quarter Men.

The city council last evening passed an appropriation of \$7,000 for the purchase of material to house the B. C. Bantam Battalion in Beacon Hill park. From the estimates submitted, the amount will be ample to cover contingencies.

The work is to be done by the militia forces, under direction of the officers of the permanent force. The construction will be put in hand immediately.

OUR LETTER BOX

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article is, the shorter its chance of publication. All communications must bear the name of the writer. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS submitted to the Editor.

INFORMATION WANTED

To the Editor.—As there are about 25 candidates for five or six positions, and knowing only two of the aspirants, one of whom I am not going to vote for, what am I to do with my other votes? If every candidate will put in print what his intentions are, I will pick out what I consider suit my views and will vote accordingly, and having those promises in front of me during the term of office I shall be able to judge if the person got my vote through a fraudulent statement or otherwise.

I shall then have some grounds to go for him or congratulate him. There is still plenty of time if any candidate appreciates my vote.

WALTER J. DANDRIDGE.

Jan. 10, 1612 Felt street, City.

FIRST ATLANTIC STEAMER.

To the Editor.—There being such great interest taken in the proposed shipbuilding in this province, I take the liberty of asking for a little of your valuable space to insert the following historical item which may not be known to a majority of your readers: The first steamer to cross the Atlantic was built and engined in Canada at Cape Cove, Quebec, and was launched in the year 1831.

Two years later (1833) this vessel, called the Royal William, sailed from Pictou, Nova Scotia, for Gravesend, Kent, England, and made the voyage in twenty-five days.

JAS. H. BLAKE.

Dec. 10.

THE CRISIS.

To the Editor.—Please allow me to send along an appreciation of Judge Freeman's able article under above caption which appeared in Saturday's Times. The learned judge thinks that Britain should have passed a law providing for compulsory service on the outbreak of hostilities, and on this point most of us agree. If Canada had done

likewise we might at the present moment have had 100,000 fully trained and equipped soldiers at the front—single men without dependents, instead of the humiliating spectacle of an army of married men, still over here, untrained and unequipped; whilst the poorest amongst us are asked, and in many cases forced to contribute to the upkeep of their dependents.

Trades unions have been so damned late, and are so palpably doomed for the future, that I waive further comment, except to quote an extract from a munition worker's letter who recently left one of our colonies to work in England. He says: "The men here reckon I rush my work, but you would be wild to see how they loaf about; they don't care if they start to-day or to-morrow, and the bosses never say a word. On the night shift they work until the manager has been around; then they sleep until it is time to knock off. About twenty were caught last night and fined 13 each this morning."

The trades unions, of course, would pay the fines. This is the sort of "liberty and freedom" the trades unions are whining for—the right to shirk, the right to loaf, the right to daily three days on an eight-hour job. Lloyd George says it depends on the unions whether the war is finished this year or we "linger on our blood-stained path for years." Kitcheners will see to it that we don't linger that long. Give the agitators a chance to agitate in the first line trenches. The mass of the workers are patriotic enough, but every patriotic spurt means a union fine, if spotted by the union detectives.

WALTER FOSTER.

Dec. 10.

MILK LICENSES

Sanitary Inspector Wants to Know What Steps to Take in Emergency.

Some direction with regard to the

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Buchanan 1-lb. Jars Greengage, per jar	25¢
Rosella, 2-lb. Mellow and Pineapple, per tin	25¢
Kelly Jellies, per jar	25¢
Stephens' Tangerine Marmalade, per jar	25¢
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Civic Retrenchment Association Statement:

As compiled from figures furnished by City Hall officials.

TAXPAYERS, WHERE ARE YOU DRIFTING?

The Total Indebtedness of the City is.... \$15,719,395.77

The Total Unpaid Taxes to Date are.... 1,635,725.91

Taking the Local Improvement Tax into consideration, your

condition is as follows:

The Local Improvement tax levied for 1915 was.... \$704,000

The Gross Arrears upon the Local Improvement Tax

alone is.... \$615,060

MAKING THE TOTAL UNPAID TAXES DEC. 31 OF THE

CITY, \$1,635,725.91

The above figures are compiled to Dec. 31, 1915.

ALL DEFALCATIONS upon the LOCAL IMPROVEMENT

RATES must be paid by the ratepayers at large.

DO YOU REALIZE THIS?

Amendments to the Municipal Acts from time to time has swept away the time-honored restrictions as to limit of borrowing power of our city, and also the limit of the total rate of taxation.

The Civic Retrenchment Association realizing that many property owners may not be aware of their status, owing to legislative changes, have compiled the above statement for their information, and submit:

1st—That the only remedy is curtailment of expenditure.

2nd—That legislative action is necessary to restore the protection required to restrict the borrowing powers, and the total limit of rate of taxation.

Property owners and Mortgagors should arouse themselves, and resist their property being legislated away from them.

The Civic Retrenchment Association was formed with the one object in view of guarding the welfare of the ratepayers, by insisting upon the Aldermen and School Trustees, conducting the civic business upon strictly economical lines, in view of the present financial condition of the world at large.

The strongest support will be tendered the Aldermen and School Trustees, in all effort of economy.

The Civic Retrenchment Association appeals to the ratepayers for financial aid, and their personal support in attendance at their meetings. Come and help us with your presence. If you cannot attend our meetings, GIVE US as liberal a subscription to carry on the work, as you can afford.

All communications to be addressed to the Secretary, P. O. Box 525.

ENJOYABLE MATINEE IN AID OF ALLIES

L'Alliance Francaise Organizes Successful Entertainment

TORTURED BY RHEUMATISM

Sunday School Supt. Tells How "Fruit-a-tives" Relieved

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 1, 1913.

The members of l'Alliance Francaise held a most enjoyable matinee on Saturday at 1322 Rockland avenue, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Agnew, who most kindly put their spacious house at the disposal of the society for the occasion. The entertainment which was given by the Victoria branch of l'Alliance Francaise in response to an appeal from the home society in Paris, attracted a great many people and by 3 o'clock the large rooms were filled to their capacity. The audience was enthusiastic in its reception of the very good programme provided.

Among those who gave very great pleasure by providing songs, recitations, etc., were Miss Lambert, Miss Long, Miss Reid, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Sanderson-Mongin, Miss Peggy Pearce, Mrs. O. M. Jones and Mr. Morden. Those who took part in the "Danse des fleurs," all pupils of Miss Ashworth and trained by Mrs. Munay, were the Misses Yoder, Pemberton, Molly Hibben, Marjorie Neish, Lucy and Betty Briden and Marguerite Sanderson. The young actors in the comedy, "Il faut prouver francs," were the Misses Macdonald, Harris, Neame, Day and Sanderson.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m., Walnesday: Victoria and vicinity—Northerly and easterly winds, generally fair, stationary or higher temperature. Lower mainland—Northerly and easterly winds, generally fair, stationary or higher temperature.

Forecasts. Victoria—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday 25, minimum 15; wind, 16 miles N. E.; weather, clear. Vancouver—Barometer, 30.29; temperature, maximum yesterday 24, minimum 6; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear. Nanaimo—Entrance—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, maximum yesterday 23, minimum 20; wind, 14 miles E.; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 30.50; temperature, maximum yesterday 20, minimum 12; wind, 10 miles N.; snow, .02; weather, snowing.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.11; temperature, maximum yesterday 26, minimum 22; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, fair. Seattle—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday 32, minimum 16; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, maximum yesterday 50, minimum 38; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

Nelson—Snow, 1 in.; temperature, 15. Temperature. Barkerville..... Max. Min. Penticton..... 14 .. 20 .. Cayo..... 16 .. 28 .. Qu'Appelle..... 16 .. 28 .. Winnipeg..... 8 .. 28 .. Toronto..... 42 .. 26 .. Ottawa..... 26 .. 34 .. Montreal..... 34 .. 28 .. St. John..... 28 .. 38 .. Halifax..... 28 ..

Victoria Daily Weather. Observations taken 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m., Monday:

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The very able palmist, Mrs. Barclay and Miss Millar, were well patronized the entire afternoon.

Before the national anthem was sung Mrs. O. M. Jones, president of l'Alliance Francaise—who had just delighted her audience by a brilliant rendering of one of Drummond's habitant poems—warmly thanked the host and hostess for their generous cooperation towards the success of the entire proceeds of the entertainment, which amount already to over \$100, with more cash to come in, will be forwarded to France—another contribution from Victorians to the allies.

Several young ladies distributed the programmes and sold patriotic puzzles and recipes for a war-cake. Miss Agnew made a picturesque Normandy peasant; Miss Hudson very delightfully impersonated La France; Miss W. Luxton was a pretty Alsatian maiden; while Miss Pichon looked charming in a XVII century sourette costume.

The members of l'Alliance Francaise wore white and were distinguishable by a pretty badge, consisting of a gold fleur-de-lis, from which hung the tricolor ribbon of the republic.

Tea was served in the dining-room during an interval in the programme, and the guests were joined there by the ladies who had been playing cards in another wing of the house.

Miss Gardner, the talented singer who is appearing this week at Pantages.

She is a Seattle girl, and for five years prior to the war has been studying grand opera in Europe, with headquarters at Paris.

The black terror which they spread by their foul treatment of the peaceful citizens of Belgium spread like a flame through France, and those who could fled from Paris in those first days of fear when the Hun closed in from the north.

Rode in Cattle Car.

Squeezed into little narrow, ill-lit and ill-ventilated cattle car, Miss Gardner and a friend, with a maid and two children beside, left everything and went down to Bordeaux. That was an impulse, as in those first dreadful days nobody knew what the government was prepared for.

After a few weeks, during which she and her friends resigned themselves to the loss of all their possessions in Paris, courage, born of an awakened sense of the suffering all around them, came back.

Yesterday Miss Gardner told the Times reporter something of her experiences. With two French girl friends, one of whom was a trained nurse, she went up to Mons. At that time hospitals had not been organized, and the great system by which some of the biggest hotels in the principal cities were taken over and converted into scores of wards for the nursing of the wounded and sick was not yet in existence.

The maimed and dying soldiers were brought to the improvised wards in the rough little peasant cottages. Mortal hurts that it would have taken every resource in a well-equipped hospital to handle skilfully had to be nursed in little bare farm houses, not even supplied with running water.

Washing and Scrubbing.

Untrained in nursing Miss Gardner volunteered for any service within her scope. Washing and scrubbing, because they do not come under the schedule of "skilled labor," were her part. And willingly she did everything in her power.

The hands she held out for inspection were ribbed with little callous marks. "Just from months of wringing clothes," she said. And the picturesque if laborious manner of the peasant women of France had to be followed: "the soldiers' bloodstained clothes were washed clean at the running stream, the volunteer laundress kneeling with others where hundreds of generations had knelt before in this humble toll."

Later she came back to Paris, and with a friend visited the big hospitals in the Hotel Champs Elysee, the Majestic and the Astoria, which are now great theatres for the nursing of the wounded.

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